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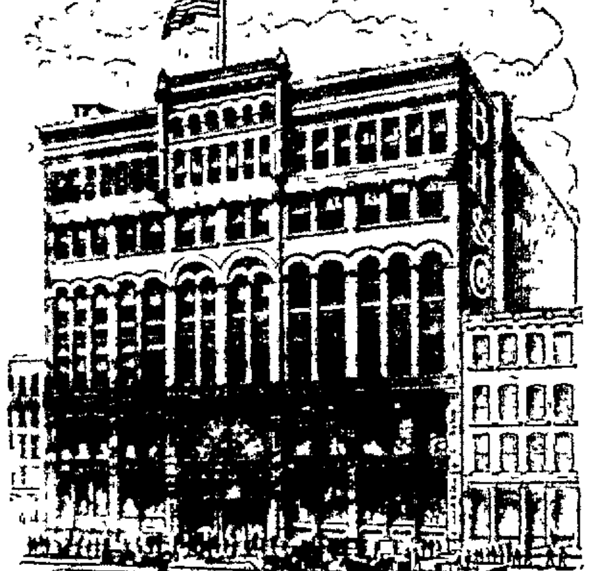

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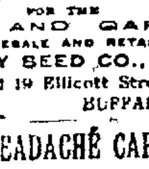

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CHAPTER I.

Like other of earth's great tragedies, war has an undernote of comedy, especially civil war, where the heat of conflict melts human souls—makes them as fluid, as glowing, as a lava stream.

It is a merciful ordering—how merciful they alone know who can look back 30 years to the tense time that was measured by heartbeats, punctuated into epochs by the cannon's roar.

Particularly to such as dwelt in a conquered province, where, outside the army posts—often, too, inside them—the only news came over the "grapevine telegraph," which ran from Nowhere into Space—and, it is safe to say, recorded more marvels than ever went over a wire.

The genesis of its name was characteristic. The institution had an intermittent existence even before military happenings made free communication impossible and authentic intelligence somewhat more rare than it was precious. News of the early battles, of course, came first over the wires. By the time a seed of fact had run through a dozen mouths, there was such a harvest of fiction that the listeners said one to the other, "It must have took er grapevine ter fetch such news as that—any wire'd er broke down under it." So very soon the cant word grapevine was in everybody's mouth, as expressive of news that might be true, but with the probabilities against it.

The grapevine's conductor was the whole populace, its battery the [illegible] feverish eagerness either to tell or to hear something new. Its most active agents and promoters were men effusively southern in profession and selfish in pocket with consciences as facile as their tongues.

When the fortunes of war gave middle Tennessee to Federal domination, all and several, they made haste rapidly to take the oath of allegiance, and thus secure passes and trading permits. The 'grapevine,' theretofore of small and languid growth, became thus in their mouths something fearful and wonderful. As they alone could go in and out of the army lines and had, moreover, secret commercial communication southward, their statements had sometimes the 'nucleus of truth' about which Carlyle says lies must crystallize. Often they were pure invention and of a brazenness to put Munchausen to the blush and make Gulliver seem a realist. Always they were eagerly listened to by a people whose fate hung trembling in the balance of war.

So much by way of necessary preface. The precise moment with which this chronicle has to do is the spring of 1863. The season was early, the air warm, humid, forcing. Woods were almost in half leaf, strawberries blushed red, peas hung full in the pod by the 1st of May. Waters were falling, falling. In a little while the rivers would be fordable. After that, the deluge—otherwise the partisan leaders riding, raiding, threatening strong posts, harrying weak ones, cutting wheresoever they could a line of communication with the ever advancing front.

Colonel Grice, post commandant at Bellsboro, felt himself peculiarly liable to attack, for Bellsboro was something more than a mere county town. The center and market place of a dozen rich counties, it spread in solid stateliness over twice seven river hills—hills thickly matted with native blue grass, more thickly starred with dandelion gold.

Besides the river there was the railway—one of the north and south lines that were arteries for war's lifeblood. The tall, spiderwebby bridge across the Cumberland once destroyed there would be a lack and loss incalculable farther south.

So it behooved the army of occupation to be wary and diligent. A big earthwork topped the highest of the river hills. Cannon peered grimly from its portholes. The flagstaff, with its fluttering pennon, came to view two miles at least before the town itself.

Half a dozen turnpikes led into town. Each was heavily picketed. Lanes and byroads were either barricaded or held under surveillance of the inner guard line.

All the world and his wife might go in without let or hindrance. Getting out again was the rub. For that a pass signed by the provost marshal was requisite, and the provost gave such only to those who professed loyalty to the United States.

Notwithstanding Colonel Grice felt ill at ease. Soldier gentleman himself, he was in no way deceived by the lip loyalty of those who would be all things to all men—for a consideration. Though he did not affront them openly, in his heart of hearts he had more respect for the men whose impassive faces and honestly withheld hands bespoke staunchness in the cause they held the right.

These were a great multitude. Bellsboro's heart beat true to the Confederacy in every pulse. The flower of her manhood was wearing the gray. With the county she had equipped and sent out three regiments of 12 months men, who, when their term of enlistment expired, re-enlisted as one man 'for the war,' while from Bellsboro's homes there went up one sobbing breath of approval.

Colonel Grice felt keenly the hostility about him. He had not always been Colonel Grice. It was as Private Grice that he marched away from his New England home—albeit a rich man and scholar as well as patriot. He had become captain, major, colonel—each through gallantry in action. For the last promotion he had paid with a severe wound. It was that which sent him into this comparative retirement at the head of a bluff Ohio regiment, whose colonel had been translated to the galaxy of political brigadiers.

The garrison was made up mainly of raw levies. The three regiments had each come back from the front a skeleton to be filled with recruits fresh from farm, field, workshop. They had been drilled into a most soldierly precision, but lacked the careless, confident courage born only of contact with shot and steel.

The sprinkle of veterans hindered rather than helped. Good soldiers and true, they were human, and told about the mess fires such tales of prowess and peril as set the new men often all of a-tremble. Their black beast was Forrest, the hardest rider, the stoutest, most pitiless fighter, that ever drew sword for the stars and bars. The old soldiers knew him only too well—had seen him dash, a besom of destruction, sabering, slashing, trampling down, upon the flank of a wheeling or flying foe or through the long line of a marching division.

It was Forrest's cavalry that would threaten Bellsboro. The town lay westerly, where the Cumberland, after a long dip through the rich midland, makes again toward its native Kentucky, through which it runs to the Ohio. Far to eastward Morgan and his merry men swooped north on lines of transportation. From the Cumberland westward to the Mississippi Forrest rode and raided, hardly asking or giving quarter.

A Bellsboro legion rode with him. What so natural, then, as that Bellsboro's commander should fear spies in his camp? Men had eyes to see, women tongues to tell—how could he doubt that word would go straight to the enemy of all he most cared to keep hidden? Worse still, his own scouts might be so thwarted, blinded, misled, by this hostile populace as to make surprise a matter of course. Something must be done. Colonel Grice wrote to the authorities. In response there came a proclamation.

Old Major Powell sat on his porch deeply ruminating. The big silver poplars flung all his front yard into shadow. A paling fence ran 30 yards away, with a sagging green gate leading over a broken stile to a long front lot, sparsely set with white and red oaks. An abortive gravel walk ran half way from porch to stile. Guinea fowls were pecking amid itastones, a hen turkey, with her brood, dusting themselves in the dry earth at one side of it. Two huge mock orange bushes in full flower made a blossomy arch over the garden gate. From beyond there came the smell of calycanthus, clove pink and early honeysuckle.

A cock, gorgeous and golden red, walked out before the door to crow three times, loud and clear. A voice from within said: "Somebody's comin, an comin with news. I never yet knew the sign ter fail when the red rooster crowed three times."

"He 'pears ter have knowed it after the fact. Yonder a yo' man now," the major said, nodding toward the outer gate, through which a horseman had just ridden.

"I wonder, now, who it is! Cousin Tom Greg'ry, I reckon," Mrs. Powell said, looking sharply at the advancing figure from under a shading hand.

The major nodded. "Yes, it's Tom." Then, as the rider halted at the stile, "Nee'nter hello, Tom. We're at home. 'Light an look at yer saddle."

Tom got down precipitately. "I cain't stop er minute. I jest wanter tell yo the news," he said, mopping a perspiring brow as he mounted the steps.

"What is it? News sho 'nough er jest grapevine? You told us las' time Inglum an France had recognized the Confederacy an raised the blockade, but I ain't heard nothin more about it."

"Oh, that was jest grapevine. Recollect I tole yo so at the time," Mr. Gregory said, nowise abashed. "I reckon it was erbout this way, Uncle Jimmie—'t least that's thar story. They wanted ter recognize us, but Lincoln an Seward are mighty sharp, I tell ye. They sent er man ter Queen Victoria ter say, 'You jest wait 30 days longer, an we'll have our little family difference all settled. Ef yo don't, by jingo! Thar's Canady layin handy ter make up ter us for losin the Confederacy.' An so the recognizin is put off, but it's boun ter come—boun ter come. Jest you wait er bit. Why, they're a fightin ag'in out in Virginyeh, an Gen'l Lee an Stonewall Jackson whippin 'em worse'n ever. Have killed an wounded an took pris'ners more men than was in their own army, an jest doin what they please with whatever comes against 'em. Gen'l Lee, yo know, is mighty pitiful. It was such er slaughter it turned him right sick, but ole Stonewall—our boys are with him, remember—he jest stood up, with the bullets hailin round, his chin stuck out, one eye shet, an all he said was, 'Shoot low, boys, shoot low!'"

"Stonewall's er great man—er very great man. Orter be old Hickory's son or nephew. How do the Yankees in town take it—so many er thar men gittin slaughtered?"

"Oh, they're jest as sullen as you please. That's the reason they've put out that there proclamation."

"What proclamation?"

"Why haven't you heard? It's stickin up on the courthouse an strowed all round town."

"What's it about?"

"Well, sir, it caps the climax—says that, beginnin with Monday week, everybody in town an county—everybody white, that is, over 15 years old—has got to march in ter headquarters an take the oath."

"What? I'll be shot if I do it!"

"Now see here, Uncle Jimmie, most likely you'll be shot if you don't. I tell yer it don't do ter fool with them fellers. You know ef thar'd 'a' been any way around it I'd never done it—never in the world. I had my family ter think about, else I'd 'a' seen them in Halifax."

"I'm not blamin you, Tommy. A man must judge for himself on them things. But about this yere proclamation. It means just men an boys, don't it?"

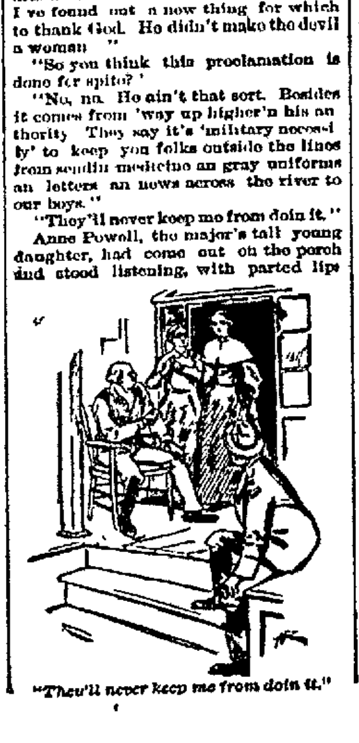
"No, sir—er, not by a jugful. That's the worst part. Nobody ain't left out. I believe it's more'n half aimed at the women. Up at headquarters the other day I was talkin to the Yankee colonel. Grice his name is. You know he's boardin with the McNeils. All three of their boys are with the Confederacy, so they took this Yankee for protection. Had to, don't you see, when he asked if they wouldn't. They have er heap of company, you know—always most somebody to dinner an supper. Grice has been thar two months an seen a right smart of folks. He said to me, 'They show me nothin but the most perfect politeness—those young ladies an old that I meet at table—but I've found out a new thing for which to thank God. He didn't make the devil a woman.'"

"So you think this proclamation is done fer spite?"

"No, no. He ain't that sort. Besides it comes from 'way up higher'n his authority. They say it's 'military necessity' to keep you folks outside the lines from sendin medicine an gray uniforms an letters an news across the river to our boys."

"They'll never keep me from doin it."

Anne Powell, the major's tall young daughter, had come out on the porch and stood listening, with parted lips and sparkling eyes. The visitor sprang up at her words, saying as he drew forward a chair:



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"Howdy-do—howdy-do, Cousin Anne! Set down an listen to reason. I tell you you must. This ain't no grapevine. This proclamation is straight fact, an if you don't wanter to make a heap o' trouble for Uncle Jimmie you'll obey like the rest an say nothin erbout it."

Anne turned full upon him eyes luminous with scorn. She was a slim creature, vital to her finger tips and swayed by emotions as a lily stalk by spring storms.

"It may be all right for—people who can face two ways," she said, restrained by hospitality from a more personal form of speech, "but I am not that sort. If I swore, I'd keep it, and I'd die sooner than be loyal to the United States, with Jack away in Virginia ready to die for the Confederacy. I've spun yarn this winter to weave him a new suit and knit socks for him every night. I'll send them to him in spite of"—

"Hush! Hush! Don't tell me a word about it," Mr. Gregory broke in, with an uneasy laugh. Then after a minute, "'Tain't so bad as you think fer, Cousin Anne. Thar's two things to be done when you git ter headquarters. You can either take the oath of allegiance an be er loyal citizen entitled to portection of person an prop'ty or else sign what they call the uncompetent oath. That don't say much of nothin except that you don't want ter fight."

"Oh, that must be the one you took!" Miss Anne said, with conscious sarcasm.

Her father looked at her in mild reproof, saying: "You had better go an see if your mother doesn't want you." Then, as she vanished, to his guest, "How many days of grace do they give us, Thomas, after this thing begins?"

"Proclamation says ten, but I'd go early of I was in your place. I do' know but it'll turn out a good thing after all. Trade in town is pickin up right smart. Two or three of the sto'keepers have took Yankee officers in partners with 'em so as ter git stocks o' goods. Whoever takes the oath can get er pass, an so you can all putty soon come in an buy an sell. Tell Cousin Anne you'll give her er new silk 'sack. I reckon that'll make 'er willin ter go."

Major Powell smiled grimly. "You don't know Anne," he said. "She won't wear nothin but homespun an a sunbonnet, says Jack has to go barefooted maybe half the time, an she ain't a goin ter fare better'n her brother."

"Well, she's curious for a young girl. No mistake about that," Mr. Gregory said, with a languid wave of dismission. Then, reverting to affairs of state: "But I tell you, Uncle Jimmie, that thar Virginyeh fight is a goin to settle things right. Inglum and France is boun ter come in—boun, sir! When they do, yo'll hear somep'n drop."

Major Powell agreed. For an hour the talk went forward, the guest piling grapevine on grapevine, each more astounding than the last in its intimate acquaintance with the motives, purposes, secret inclination, speech and action of Jeff Davis, Queen Victoria, Abe Lincoln, Louis Napoleon, General Halleck, Andy Johnson, Parson Brownlow, General Grant, General Lee, General Buell, Bragg, Beauregard, Thomas, Stonewall Jackson, Secretary Seward, Commodore Foote, John Morgan, the raider, Forrest, the imminent.

Of the last it was circumstantially related that he had "sent word to Colonel Grice to have all the dry goods possible in town by the middle of June, when he'd be ready to come after 'em."

Also that upon one occasion the doughty commander "got lost from camp an stumbled on er Yankee scout 70 strong. They was between him an his own men, an what'd he do but ride round 'em in the dark clankin his saber, clashin his pistols an yellin out orders like he'd a thousand men behind him. Then he hollers out, 'Surrender, or I'll histe the black flag an cut every man o' ye ter pieces.' An, shore enough, they did surrender, stacked thar guns whar he ordered befo' he let 'em see whar he was an marched the last man of 'em ter camp. Then, sez he, 'I don't think, my men, yo'll ever do the Confederacy much harm. I release ye on parole. Take yer horses an go home an tell yer children an gran'children how Mr. Forrest saved yer lives.' He was in a good humor that night. Ef he hadn't been'— A shake of the head conveyed the dreadful alternative.

CHAPTER II.

The proclamation was a fixed and dreadful reality. A little conference with his neighbors convinced Major Powell that, unlikely as it seemed, for once Thomas Gregory, Esq., had spoken truth. The countryside was in a ferment over it. Martial law had made the inhabitants wonderfully docile. Nobody thought of evading or defying it. There was much pondering, though, heavy consultation betwixt friends and neighbors, as to which horn of the dilemma was least unacceptable—whether to swear allegiance in full or merely sign the noncombatant's parole—in Mr. Thomas Gregory's vernacular, the "uncompetent" oath.

Each settled the question in some fashion. The appointed day saw a fine stir in Bellsboro. All its so long desolate streets were a-teem. The military district embraced a dozen counties. All of them had sent out old men and maidens, boys in roundabouts, mothers in widow's weeds, to swell the motley throng.

By twos, by threes, by dozens, they came in ramshackle buggies, in rusty carriages, in rattling, clattering, springless farm wagons, upon horseback, in ox carts, a very few on foot.

A various crew indeed, yet in one particular curiously alike. Whatever the beast of burden, it was as ill looking as Pharaoh's lean kine. The country was not yet stripped of good stock, but no man in it was mad enough to ride or drive a hoof of it to Bellsboro.

It was the era of huge hoops, long, shapeless sacks and sky scraping bonnets. A few women disported themselves in fashion's full panoply, thereby proclaiming that in their breasts vanity outranked public spirit. For the most part gowns, whether of silk or stuff or calico, were scant enough, faded enough, to demonstrate that they had come down from a more peaceful era.

A few very old men came in well brushed broadcloth, black or blue, with frayed satin or velvet waistcoats and red silk bandannas peeping out of the tail pockets. Much the larger part of the masculine element was clothed in homespun—jeans coats either brown or sheep's gray, with flax cloth trousers above home cobbled shoes.

For all that it was a moneyed crowd. Thanks to the grapeviners, everybody in the country had sold his tobacco or wheat or pork at what seemed enormous figures, unless indeed the seller insisted upon having gold. Then the price shrank marvelously—almost as much as did his more complaisant neighbor's crisp greenbacks when he dropped into one of the stores and was offered calico at 50 cents the yard, shoes at $10 or a hat for $30.

That part, though, came later. The first thing was to ask the way to headquarters. The bystreet in front of them was soon crowded full of all sorts and ill conditions of horse and mule flesh.

Major Powell halted his buggy a full block away. Anne was beside him, moved to recantation, not by lesser love for her cause, but by her mother's pleading eyes as she said:

"We are under the lion's paw, Anne. Don't make it worse for us. Think if they should burn the house and take you or your father away to prison!"

"Think, too, of being able to go to town and buy new clothes! I'm so sick of every old rag I've got. I'd take 40 oaths to get better ones," added her elder sister Caroline, who could in nowise comprehend why Anne should "make such a fuss" over merely signing a document she need neither read nor heed.

If the exact truth be told, Caroline herself was delighted with the prospect. She set to work at once remodeling her most presentable gown, her mind all one vaguely pleasant anticipatory whirl. Life without beaux to Miss Caroline was utterly stale, though three gallant Confederates had each taken away, presumably next his heart, her picture as well as her promise to "remember him." The absent, if not always wrong, are not available for flirtation, at least not with letters out of the question. First and last, Miss Caroline had heard a good deal of Colonel Grice—that he was rich, handsome, single—very well worth having. Besides, the other officers might not be impossible. In her own mind Miss Caroline already saw half a dozen of them her slaves, giving savor and sweetness to her dull desert days. She had no patience with Anne, who, though her eyes were dry, "went about looking like two funerals," and declared she would wear to town her gray homespun gown and old blue sunbonnet.

It was quite impossible, Caroline felt, to be seen in such company. Go with Anne she would not. So it was settled that Anne and her father should make the first essay. A little later Mrs. Powell and Caroline would venture in the family carriage, with black Harrison for driver.

Anne walked the stretch of mossy pavement tensely upright. There was no tremor in the bare hand so lightly laid upon her father's arm. She came into the crowded room, a quaint, pathetic figure of girlish grace. Her gray gown fell in straight folds to her feet that were covered with shoes of the same stuff. No wild rose was pinker, no lily more pearly white, than the face shrouded in the faded blue bonnet. In its shade her gray eyes were black, and the long ivory throat, rising out of its crimped ruffle, might have tempted love himself to cling and nestle about it.

The office was not imposing—a low, modest room, once the parlor of a dead and gone citizen whose vacant dwelling the authorities had impressed. A battered office counter ran across it, the top crowded with a litter of pens, folded papers, blank books, permits, big official looking documents all over red seals—in the midst of it the small yellow leather bound Bible upon which for time immemorial folk had been sworn at Bellsboro courthouse.

The provost and his three assistants stood back of the counter. All wore fatigue dress and seemed hardly more at ease than the crowd in front. A door back of them led to the inner room—Colonel Grice's own office, where now he sat at gossip with his chief of staff.

One window of it faced the street. The two could see the array outside, laugh, if so it pleased them, at the wagons disgorging whole families—the women in huge stiff hoops, often without riding skirts, clambering down from tall, gaunt plow horses or the smart dames squeezing through narrow carriage doors, a hand each side, an ellipse of wire and stuff preceding them by a yard. The hoop petticoat's reign certainly added to the gayety of nations and of individuals.

Possibly it was Anne's lack of it that drew to her Colonel Grice's long and admiring regard. As she came in sight, he said, without turning his head:

"Is that the Confederacy made manifest in the flesh?"

As the words left his lips, a sudden ruffle of wind blew the ingulfing bonnet back upon Anne's shoulders. She stood just without the entrance, a glory of spring sunshine sifting down upon her through the leafing maples that the dead burgher had thoughtfully set along his house front.

Her eyes, lifted suddenly, beamed full through the open window upon the man in blue sitting back of it. They fell instantly—not too quickly, though, for a lightning glance to speak out some measure of all that lay behind it.

It came to Colonel Grice with almost the scath of a thunderbolt. He got up, walked a little space about the room, staid his steps a long, irresolute minute, then flung wide the connecting door and stood stock still just inside.

Outside there was a fine human comedy, with the hint of necessary pathos writ plain in a few wet eyelids and quivering lips. A big woman in a staring plaid stuff gown, an impossible bonnet and huge Scotch shawl stood fronting the provost, holding to her breast a yearling baby as stout and well nourished as herself.

Beside the pair the provost looked ridiculously thin and small. Pointing a big red forefinger at him, the woman said stridently:

"Young man, be sho' yo 'tend ter this job right. Tain't hurtin us none ter take yer oaths—me an my ole man. We never owned no black 'uns. He's busy crossin terbacker land hisself terday, so I come ter swa'ar for us both. Fetch erlong them oaths. Make 'em as ironclad as ye please. We kin swaller 'em. Jes' you tell me how."

"It is very easy, madam. Sign your name here. Your husband had better come himself," the provost said, laying a printed form before her. The woman eyed him suspiciously.

"I'd ruther kiss the book. That's what my ole man done when he taken oath fo' the gran jury, an, I'll let ye know, whatever I do goes in my fambly. He ain't got no time ter fool er way onten the crap," she said, setting her infant upon the edge of the counter, where it set up a terrific squall. The provost laughed aloud.

"Swear if you like. You have to sign anyway," he said, holding out the Bible and hurrying through the formula of allegiance. Before he was half through the woman broke in impatiently:

"Oh, that's enough! Hold the chile, will ye, some o' ye over thar, while I sign yer book, git my pass an run. I come from yan side of the river 'n fetched a cyartload er truck—butter 'n aigs, dried apples, strawberries, er piece er cloth an er bag o' 'sang. That I've got ter get rid on 'fore I kin start home."

The provost was certainly a brave man, else he could never have dared to take in his arms the vociferous lump of wrath and flannel that the new loyal citizen held out to him. Take it he did, though conscious to his boot heels of the audible smiles in front, the colonel's amused glance behind.

Her eyes lifted suddenly.

Next came a pale, small woman, with a face like fine porcelain and thickly silvered hair. Her eyes had the dimness that tells of habitual tears. The hand that put aside her black veil shook like a leaf. She wrote her name in silence and walked staggering away—a mother who had sworn not to give succor, aid, comfort or counsel to her four sons.

A man trod upon her heels, an apple cheeked old fellow, with shrewdly humorous black eyes. Five tall girls clustered at his back. He stopped just in front of the provost, gave a deep bob of the head and said in a high pitched voice: "Mr. Guv'ment Officer, here's me an my gals, all on 'em at least I could make out ter fetch. We rid double, all on us, but ther ain't jest only three on our critters that'll b'ar the saddle. I jes' had ter leave the ole woman an the other three gals at home."

"Better keep 'em there, uncle. This lot ought to be loyalty enough for one small family," the provost said, laughing and shuffling a lot of papers into the hard old hand.

Major Powell heard him with mingled relief and amazement. Bending forward, he said anxiously:

"Excuse me, sir, but my family, too, has been divided. Am I to infer that I need not bring the rest of it to headquarters?"

"Most certainly you need not, so long as you yourself have come and brought a part of your household. The rest will be taken on trust," the provost said courteously, pushing forward the formbook as he spoke and handing Major Powell a pen.

He wrote his name slowly, with stiff, old fashioned precision. To Anne, watching, the pen seemed to crawl through an infinitely long space. She wanted to cry out—to say that she could not, would not, must not, do this thing. But a great dumbness fell upon her. The pen somehow crept into her hand. Before she fairly realized it "Anne Powell" was staring at her in clear black letters from a blue white page, burning, blistering, deep into her soul.

Powell blood was game. Anne turned steadily away. Her hands dropped dully either side. Half way to the door she reeled, fell, lay white and breathless in her father's arms.

She came out of her faint to find herself stretched on the hard, narrow sofa of the inner office. Her father was chafing her hands, a strange doctor forcing what seemed liquid fire between her lips, and afar in one corner a tall man in a colonel's uniform looking at the group with anxious eyes.

At sight of him Anne sat up. "Take me outside. It is smothering here," she panted, trying to stand up.

"I will, dear. It's a close day, but wait till I get the buggy around to the steps," Major Powell said as he went anxiously away. The doctor likewise vanished. Anne was alone with the man whose long gaze more than even the stress of grief had brought her to this pass.

He came toward her, but stopped a yard away to say:

"Is there nothing I can do for you, Miss Powell?"

Anne hid herself in the depths of her sunbonnet before she answered, "Nothing—unless—please see about the pass. I want to get home without fail."

Colonel Grice disappeared. In three minutes he came back, laid a folded paper in her hands, and said, smiling faintly: "There is the first fruit of loyalty, Miss Powell. A special safe conduct that will pass the bearer through any Federal picket line."

Anne flung back her bonnet, sprang upright, faced him with flashing eyes, cried out as she threw the paper at his feet: "I am not loyal. I hate the whole"—then, paling to the lips, "but—but I have sworn—I must—must—please forgive my rudeness—sir, I know I ought to—thank you. You meant to be kind."

With that she bent humbly, picked up the crumpled pass and walked silently toward the door. With her hand on the knob, she turned to find Colonel Grice at her elbow, his face even more disturbed than her own. His pallid fingers fell hard over her slim brown ones as he said very low:

"Promise, please, not to hate me."

That was the last thing about the day that Anne remembered clearly. Dreamily she knew afterward that a sense of slipping away into black unknown depths came over her; that she came out of them a week later to find herself safe at home, with Caroline lamenting in her ear that it had not been her lot to go take the oath, faint twice and be picked up by the handsome Yankee colonel. He was certainly smitten. That was Caroline's deliberate judgment, for had he not sent an orderly with escort every day since to find out Anne's state of health? More, had he not put at the family doctor's disposal all the riches of the army medicine chest?

"And if," said Miss Caroline, "he does as much for Anne, what wouldn't he have done if he had just got sight of me!"

For that problem Anne had no ready answer. Indeed she grew so white and wild eyed at Caroline's chatter that her mother strenuously forbade further mention of anything that had led up to Anne's illness. Inevitably, though, the girl heard often of Colonel Grice, for in this land of uncertainty all the talk was of war. Vaguely, with grotesque distortions, all the titanic happenings of the time sifted through breaks in the lines to north or south. It turned out, after all, that enforced loyalty had not done much for communication, though certainly it fostered trade. Newspapers were still contraband of war, even those superloyal sheets which saw in Hooker's recoil from the Wilderness "a strategic triumph of Federal arms." The southbound train brought such journals to the folk at headquarters. The rest fed on rumors, save when now and then some venturous trader, coming back from Louisville or Cincinnati, smuggled a news sheet through in ambush of the breast pocket. If he dared further to pass it through the picket line, it was literally read to pieces—passed from house to house with the best speed of horse and man.

And everywhere a crowd listened to its reading, sometimes with sobs, oftener with set teeth and eyes that flashed defiant denial to each prophecy of Federal success, immediate or ultimate. Hopeful faith in their cause, their leaders,

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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THE income tax decision is a boomer for real estate.

How is Cleveland's clover patch coming on at present?

SENATOR HILL winks the other eye at the dilapidated appearance of the income tax.

THE Republicans made a clean sweep in the municipal elections held in New Jersey on Tuesday.

JUSTICE H. W. WILLIAMS of the Supreme court of the State has been a judge for over thirty years.

THE Democrats in Chicago lay their defeat in the election of mayor to the election fund of $500,000 being stolen.

CAPT. JOHN M. WALTON was appointed controller of the city of Philadelphia, and the Senate promptly confirmed the nomination on Tuesday.

THE American steamship, St. Paul was successfully launched at Cramp's shipyard last Wednesday, the Governor and most of the legislature being present.

THE law recently passed prohibiting the kissing of the Bible in courts meets with hearty approbation all around. This antediluvian custom should have been wiped out long ago.

AT THE second reading of the Woodswater works bill it was so amended as to allow cities and boroughs to vote on the question of purchasing of plants in existence. This sounds more like it.

GENERAL HARTRANFT'S old division held a reunion at Harrisburg on Appomatox day. The third division of the ninth army corps has an honorable record of which Pennsylvania may well feel proud.

THE veterans of the G. A. R. of Western Pennsylvania will hold their 12th annual reunion at Meadville on June 27th. Prominent speakers will be there to address the soldiers. A large attendance is expected.

THE auditors' reports of Schuylkill county from 18[illegible] to 1889 have all been stolen from the prothonotary's office. There is a suspicion that they were taken by interested parties, as they contained a great many surcharges against ex-county officials.

THE jury in the famous Anna Dickinson case, that was tried in the United States Court before Judge Acheson at Scranton, failed to agree and were discharged by his honor. Eight of the jurors were in favor of a verdict for Miss Dickinson and four against.

THE code duello has taken on a new feature in the South. When the hot headed Southerners have trouble, each takes a chew of tobacco and spit in each other's faces. At least that is the way Governor Clark and Representative Jones, of Arkansas, settled their difficulty lately.

NELLIE BLY had a merry twinkle in her other eye when questioned as regards to the report about her marriage soon to come off to a prominent New York attorney. Nellie is no spring chicken, and would not disclose her age, neither would she acknowledge the truthfulness about her nuptials.

THE Democratic party in the last year has lost political control of every large city north of Mason & Dixon's line, Boston, Brooklyn, New York, Chicago and St. Louis. This is a hard blow to Democracy, as they never had much show in the rural districts where the little white school houses stand.

THE income tax has had a glove contest with the Supreme Court of the United States. After several well contested rounds, the income tax comes out of the battle with a discolored eye, one arm in a sling and gracefully wearing a crutch. The poor bill is badly disfigured but is still in the ring for half the gate receipts.

ON September 21, 1894 the MINER said: "It is dollars to doughnuts that when the first case of income tax is carried to the Supreme Court of the United States it will be pronounced an unconstitutional measure by that august body." The opinion handed down by the court last Monday only bears out the assertion we made last September.

THE Philadelphia *Press* of Wednesday has a very telling cut on the income tax question. It represents the tax collector coming into a rich land owner's office. The proprietor says "all my income is from rents, but I pay my manager $5,000 a year, go over and see him." This is the whole matter in a nutshell. The income tax law is a dead duck, and must go.

AN article in the last McKean Co. MINER in reference to the re-arrangement of the 27th, 37th and 18th Judicial districts as provided in the Apportionment bill which recently passed the House, is convincing as to the propriety of the new deal. The opinion is pretty generally concurred in throughout the three districts, that the 25th as now constituted should be broken up. Cameron naturally belongs to the 18th district, and Elk to the 37th.—*Kane Republican.*

THIS week the State of New York has been celebrating the centennial anniversary of one of the grandest laws ever enacted by any commonwealth, namely, the free school system. George Clinton, the time-honored governor of the Empire State, is entitled to a national monument for the noble efforts put forth for the advancement of the common schools, which have been the stepping stone that started so many poor boys to positions of honor and preferment. Long live the memory of George Clinton.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 8, 1895.—Senator Gorman's friends played one of their highest trumps when they started that man at the head of the next Democratic ticket. Needless to say, it was played against Mr Cleveland, and so cleverly was it played that it caught the immediate endorsement of Senator Hill, who apparently forgot in his anxiety to thwart Mr. Cleveland's hopes that he was practically committing himself to the Gorman boom. The manner in which this demand was first made public was calculated to blind a great many ordinarily shrewd to the fact that Senator Gorman was pulling the wires. It was on the editorial page of the Washington *Post*, an alleged independent paper, that the demand first saw the light, in all the conspicuousness of double-leaded type. Now, it is a fact well known to those who keep posted on such things that the independence of the Washington *Post* has been upon more than one occasion made a commercial commodity to be exchanged for cash or personal favors. That being the case it did not require a Pinkerton to connect that demand with recent conferences in Washington of prominent Democrats who are opposed to any further party favors being granted to Mr Cleveland, although few of them are actually committed to Senator Gorman's candidacy. The making of the connection was aided by the knowledge that the *Post* is controlled by a Democrat ex-Congressman Beriah Wilkins, of Ohio, who has the Ohio man's natural love for a political deal and no special liking for Mr. Cleveland although he doesn't object to asking for and accepting executive favors.

Senator Gorman was far too smart to have this demand for a southern candidate have any outward appearance of a Gorman boom. Yet that is exactly what it is. While the demand is calculated, in fact was intended, to tickle the ambitions of a score of southern Democrats, should it grow into a power great enough to control the next Democratic nominating convention there is only one man who is big enough and smart enough to take advantage of it and his name is Gorman. There may be abler southern Democrats than Mr Gorman, but if there are they have successfully hid their ability while Mr Gorman has forced the Democratic Senate to retain him as leader against the wishes of a Democratic President.

Mr Cleveland recognizes this demand for a southern man as a very shrewd move and he knows the source from whence it emanates. He is afraid of Mr Gorman not having forgotten the humiliating defeat he suffered at his hands during the late Congress, but he proposes to fight, not only for himself but to prevent the nomination of Mr Gorman. Those outside for the empty honor of the Democratic nomination are [illegible] amusing to Republicans who regard the election of a Democratic President in 1896 as an impossibility. But they are interesting all the same.

The exceptions to the income tax made by the Supreme Court decision are calculated to add to the unpopularity of the tax, which will, it is believed, be repealed at the next session of Congress.

Cuban affairs are attracting much attention in Washington just now. It is clear that the revolution is a much more serious affair than it was at first supposed to be, and speculation is rife as to what will be the position of the administration should the Cubans succeed in setting up a government of their own. Without the moral support of this government, or some other, it will be a physical impossibility for the Cubans to maintain their independence of Spain, even should they succeed in establishing a temporary government. Will this government extend its moral support? That is the question.

The administration must have, through some of its subordinates, been doing something disagreeable to Rudyard Kipling, the talented but eccentric English author who blackguards everything American and still lives in America through choice. Mr Kipling has been in Washington for a month or so and is credited with the intention to write a political story in which Mr. Cleveland and all the members of his cabinet are to figure. Whatever his intentions may be Mr Kipling succeeded in getting himself passed by the sentry boxes, which by the way have since been removed, and the cordon of White House detectives and into the cabinet room while his Majesty Grover I and his ministers of State were holding a council, perhaps to decide whether the United States should apologize to Great Britain for having raked up such a disagreeable old thing as the Monroe doctrine. Mr Kipling is as happy over the amount of [illegible] as the small boy is when allowed to visit the menagerie while the animals are being fed. Secretary Lamont who guided Mr Kipling through the labyrinth of executive defenses thinks he will be real mean if he writes anything uncomplimentary about what he saw.

GOVERNOR MARVEL DEAD.

The first Republican governor ever elected in Delaware, Joshua H. Marvel, died at his home in Laurel, Del., at 9:15 Monday night, after a sickness of several months. On Sunday he was better and there was hope of his recovery, but a sudden relapse on Monday dashed all hope. William Watson, the Democratic speaker of the Senate, becomes the acting governor.

IT was a very lucky thing for the Democratic party that the Congressional elections were held last fall instead of this spring, as evidenced by the returns from Chicago and St. Louis. Both cities have always heretofore given large Democratic majorities. They now roll up immense Republican majorities. Well, there is one consolation for them—Texas goes Democratic yet.

A Chance to Make Money.

I saw one of your subscribers tell in your columns a few weeks ago how she made money selling Dish Washers. I wrote to the Iron City Dish Washer Co., E. E., Pittsburg, Pa., and obtained one of their Dish Washers and tried it myself first. It is just lovely you can wash and dry the dishes for a family in two minutes without touching hands to a dish or putting them in hot water. I made the first day $5.00, and everybody wanted a Dish Washer just as soon as they saw me wash their dishes. Since then I have made as high as $18.00 a day, and I believe that I can get enough money to keep my brother at school this winter and have money in the bank too. Any lady or gentleman can do as well as I am doing, I am sure, as I had no experience. When everybody wants to buy, it is not hard to sell. Anyone can get information by writing the above firm, and I am glad to add my experience, because I think it is my duty to others to help them over the hard times. VIRGINIA HERRE.

A DEMOCRATIC WAIL.

The Philadelphia *Times* (Dem.), breaks forth in the following lamentation:

"The attitude of the Democratic organization before the country to-day is that of utter chaos, and the only problem for the leaders to solve is whether that once great party can be restored to respect and usefulness, or whether the sequel of its chaotic condition shall efface it from the history of American politics.

To-day the Democratic party has not a single hopeful State north of Mason and Dixon's line, it has not a single hopeful State in the West, and the southern States are all trembling in the throes of threatened revolution. If the Democrats were compelled to face a national contest at this time they would enter it without reasonable expectation of carrying any States outside of the south, with the loss of fully half the southern States more than probable.

Such is the position of the Democratic party to-day. It is idle to theorize when stubborn facts are so clearly presented. The party has been condemned by the people with an emphasis that has never been approached in the history of our political contests, and the overwhelming defeat of 1894—a defeat that exceeded even the million majority revolution against the Republicans four years before—called out no statesmanship in the Democratic counsels in Congress and intensified the madness of Democratic law makers instead of chastening and recalling them to the lines of patriotism.

Is this position of the Democratic organization simply that of temporary chaos, or is it death? It cannot live in its present discordant condition with an apparent majority of its people arrayed against the integrity of nation, State, community and individual, and it must promptly recall the party as an organization to the highest standard of integrity or it must die, and die unlamented.

In the entire south, where its largest majorities are, there has not been a single deliverance made for national credit and honest money since that issue has become momentous, and in all of the western States, including Ohio as one of the worst of all, there is no honest organized Democracy now in existence. The Democrats of the west, like the Republicans of the south, have been utterly swallowed up by the most dangerous of all modern political crazes for cheap money and even in the eastern States the Democratic ranks are largely filled with demagogues who are seeking to mislead the Democratic masses against public and private honesty.

No party thus poisoned with dishonesty in its very vitals can survive, and if there is to be a Democratic party in the future it must be promptly organized on the basis of honest government, honest money, honest taxes and honest elections."

EMASCULATED.

The Supreme Court of the United States pronounces portions of the income tax unconstitutional. State and municipal bonds and real estate rentals are exempted from taxation. The opinion is very lengthy, but we give the most important part, which virtually covers the ground.

The Chief Justice proceeded to a consideration of the constitutional requirements with respect of the imposition of the two forms of taxation, direct and indirect, and said that the framers of the constitution intended to make the consent of those who were expected to pay, essential to the validity of any tax. They had just come out of a conflict upon the great principle of taxation with representation, and they were intended to go together. But Congress should so impose a tax that it would fall with even force and effect upon all of the constituents of those who voted for it.

In conclusion the Chief Justice announced that the court were of the opinion that that part of the law imposing taxes upon rents obtained from real estate was invalid.

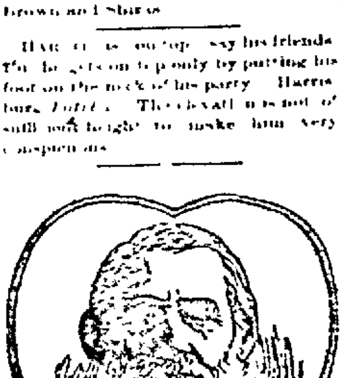
Next in order the opinion considered the third objection to the law. That it imposed a tax on the incomes derived from investments in State and municipal bonds, and was, therefore, invalid.

Chief Justice Fuller reasserted the general principle that a tax on government bonds was held to be a tax on contracts and prejudicial to the public interest. It was, therefore, obvious that such a tax on the power of States or municipalities to make contracts was prejudicial to public policy, and, therefore unconstitutional.

On the question of the constitutionality of the taxation of incomes from State and municipal bonds the court was unanimously in the negative.

Upon the question of taxation of rents the court stood as follows: Affirming the law, Justices Harlan and White; against the law, Chief Justice Fuller, Justices Field, Gray, Brewer, Brown and Shiras.

HARRISON is on top, say his friends. He gets on top only by putting his foot on the neck of his party.—Harrisburg *Telegraph*. The elevation is not of sufficient height to make him very conspicuous.



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Shortness of Breath, Swelling of Legs and Feet.

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Itch on human, mange on horses, dogs and all stock, cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport Pa.

Go to Prentiss for monumental work.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Early in the beginning of the present century, inspired by the successful example of the United States, the Spanish-American colonies threw off the yoke of European serfdom and became free and independent states. Soon thereafter an alliance was formed by the three principal monarchies of Europe to resubjugate and partition those states. This scheme was defeated only by the timely and determined intervention of the United States under the administration of President Monroe, and that act of interposition for the preservation of the territorial integrity of our sister republics on this continent has ever been applauded as one of the wisest and noblest in our national history.

But the doctrines then officially proclaimed by President Monroe (and which afterwards received the concurrence and support of England herself) have lost none of their force and importance by the lapse of time, and by every consideration of reason and justice both governments ought to be as much interested now as ever in the conservation of a status the wisdom of which has been demonstrated by the experience of three quarters of a century. A repudiation of those doctrines now by the United States and a repudiation of that status now by England would not only be acts of bad faith, dishonorable to both governments, but would involve international disputes and complications.—*Ex.*

STRAIGHTS.

Dock does not think teeth filling is what it is cracked up to be, especially when the dentist puts the grinding machine in his mouth.

The flood has been doing some damage through this part of the country the past three days.

John, when you go again let me know and I will let you have my straw hat and gum boots.

John, if it was me I would never have looked back to see how near I was to the creek.

John, I think you will stand o. k. after we have our Republican president.

Thomas McCaferty spent Sunday with his friends in the city of Johnsonburg.

Mr. W. Crum is spending a few days with his family at Emporium.

John Weaver spent Sunday with his parents in Smethport.

G. W. Stevenson visited Smethport a few days this week.

Wm. McDade has been on the sick list the past week.

J. H. Quinn intends to move to our town on Thursday.

Wm. Carson and family have moved to our town.

The flood has stopped all on the tram and.

Mrs. Capps sister is paying our town a visit.

John is the water cool?

John try it once more.

One or two of Sneddy's Little Mandrake Pills will do you more good than a whole box full of those monstrous cathartics.

J. C. STULL.

SPRING 1895.

I wish to annouce to the people of FARMERS VALLEY and vicinity that in addition to my large and complete line of

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, BOOTS, SHOES, PRODUCE, FEED, OATS,

and all kinds of Mill stuff, I have taken the agency and shall keep constantly on hand

THE FAMOUS

Deering Mowers and Reapers.

—ALSO THE—

PITTS HARROWS and HAY RAKES.

Call and inspect samples.

I handle a full line of PLOWS and all kinds of farming tools.

GRASS SEED, ONION SETS and GARDEN SEEDS a Specialty.

$50.00.

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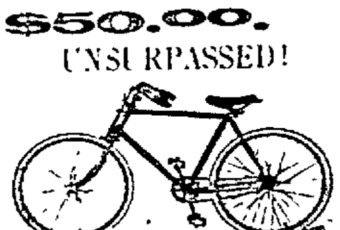

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Write for Catalogue.

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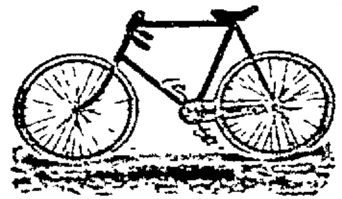

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Of the very best makes, sold for cash or on installments, at reduced prices.

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Will sell Domestic and Wheeler & Wilson machines hereafter for cash at a

Reduction of $25.00

from the list price, of each machine, at my store. Now avail yourselves of this grand offer.

Piano and Organ Instruction Books, Sheet Music, Needles, Oil and all kinds of Fixtures for all kinds of Sewing Machines. Mail orders will receive prompt attention.

C. A. BURDICK.

Salesroom, Reilly Block, Smethport, Pa.

BELL BROTHERS.

Make us a visit this week.

Everything on Dress Parade.

MILLINERY OPENING on

Tuesday, Wednesday And Thursday.

250 Pattern Hats will be exhibited including all grades from the cheapest up to the highest class of Parisian patterns. You will surely want a new Bonnet for Easter.

SPRING OPENING

Of CAPES, JACKETS, SHIRT WAISTS, SEPARATE SKIRTS, &C.

Some very extreme Novelties are shown in this Department, and the stock will be shown at its best this week.

EASTER HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR.

Novelties of Every Description

Are now on sale for the Easter trade. We gladly invite all citizens for an hour's stroll over the house whether they are buyers or not. All sight seeing and information is at their service free of charge.

CARPETS and FURNITURE.

We expect to have our Furniture Department in running order Monday, April 15th. Our entire third floor, together with our basement, will be devoted to this line alone. We can and will save all customers money. We will have Parlor Suits of dainty elegance, Chamber Suits substantial and attractive Dining Room outfits elaborate and plain. You will find more style very likely than you ever saw in one collection. You cannot afford to pass us by on Furniture this year.

Carpet Trade is assuming a very busy air. The season has opened to our advantage. Our stock is complete and we are prepared to do better work than ever. Special inducements made to people wanting to carpet and furnish a house. We will take your entire contract and do all your work.

BELL BROTHERS,

OLEAN, N. Y.

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS,

Special Sale of Shoes!

We will make a specialty of Ladies Shoes, as we have lately taken advantage of a forced sale of Shoes that were sold under the hammer, and we now have them on sale. There are among them all styles—Lace and Button, Common Sense and Opera Toe, Hand Turns, Goodyear welts and McKay sewed, Pat. Tip and Plain Toe Shoes in C, D, E and EE widths, Shoes to suit all tastes, Shoes that the former price has been $3.00 and we put them all in at the same price of

$1.50 PER PAIR.

Come early before the assortment is broken. Remember $3.50 for $1.50, at the

RACKET STORE

175-177 Union St.,

OLEAN, - - N. Y.

RETAIL

Lumber Dealers,

A. MILLER & SON,

86 Kennedy St., Bradford, Pa.

Get our prices on Doors, Sash, Flooring, Siding, Shingles and all kinds of Finishing Lumber before placing any orders.

WE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

Biljetter

till eller fron

Scandinavien.

Med de besta linier och aldra billigaste priser. Ni sparar penningar genom att skaffa Edra biljetter hos undertecknad. Penningar sendes till Scandinavien under full garanti och betalas dagens kurs.

Skynda att sesd efter

FRIBILJETTER

innan priset stiger hvilket blir snart tillaktif. CHARLES M. BENSON, Agt., Colegrove, Pa.

BICYCLE REPAIR SHOP,

A. D. KIDDER, Prop'r.

REAR OF GRAND CENTRAL, SMETHPORT.

Having recently added facilities for repairing bicycles, I am now prepared to do all work in that line promptly and satisfaction guaranteed. Bring on your wheels. Also gunsmithing. 13tf.

The MINER and American Agriculturist one year, $2 in advance.

STOP! READ AND REFLECT!

AND THEN GO TO

BROWNELL BROS,

WHERE YOU WILL FIND A CAREFULLY AND WELL SELECTED STOCK OF

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,

FURNISHING GOODS,

HATS, CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES.

AND A CHOICE LINE OF

THE FINEST **GROCERIES**

TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT

ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

IF YOU ARE

"Going to Paint Things Red"

OR ANY OTHER COLOR

We are with you. We have Kalsomine, Whitewash, Brushes and Prepared Colorings. House, barn and floor Paints, Glazes, Stains and White Lead and Oils. Flat, oval, sash, stencil, marking and varnish Brushes. Health, comfort and good taste. Come and see us when you are ready to buy.

All the regular lines of Heavy and Shelf Hardware, Stoves, Ranges, Lamps, Novelties, Cutlery, Builders' and Blacksmiths' supplies.

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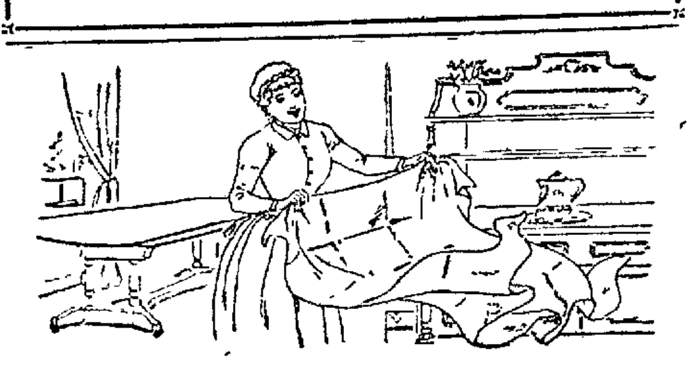

A HANDSOME DISPLAY!

"What are you doing, my pretty maid?"
"Shaking the tablecloth, sir," she said.
"Where did you get it, my pretty maid?"
"Bought it at D. C. Young's, sir," said.

"In truth," quoth the maid (assuming a confidential air) "D. C. Young has a remarkably handsome display of Spring Dress Goods, Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Fine Shoes and other Spring Novelties, and not being content with his already large assortment, he is now in New York City selecting more goods. And I forgot to tell you, sir, that you will also find in this store a large line of Boots and Shoes of the latest patterns, as well as a large display of Gents' Furnishing Goods. The prices on all goods are right.

D. C. YOUNG.

Smethport, Penna.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! SAVED AT THE

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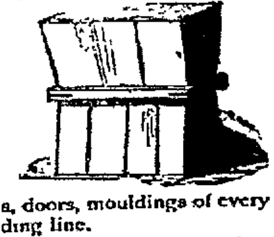
By HOLMES & GILFILLAN, Smethport, Pa.

Washington Red Cedar

Pine and Hemlock--Very best



Flooring, lath, ceiling, siding, windows, doors, mouldings of every description, anything furnished in the building line.

CALL! and see their stock. 10 car loads of furnishing stock just received; more coming daily. Their stock will please you. Mail orders promptly shipped.

Novelty Restaurant!

LOOK IN OUR WINDOW!

A FRESH LINE OF 5

CANDIES & EASTER EGGS

OYSTERS IN EVERY STYLE.

We handle the best only—the New York Counts.

CLAMS JUST RECEIVED.

Burke & Young,

SMETHPORT, - - PENN'A.

WRIGHT'S INDIAN VEGETABLE PILLS

Cleanse the Bowels and Purify the Blood! Cure Diarrhoea, Dysentery and Dyspepsia, and give healthy action to the entire system.

Bulletin No. 7 For 1895.

WE SELL Reliable Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Spring Footwear, Underwear, Hats, Umbrellas, Rubbers.

No Whiskers Grow

On our stock. Our aim is to be up-to-date always, if not just a little in advance of the procession. This week we invite you to inspect our

NEW SPRING SUITS,
NEW SPRING OVERCOATS,
NEW SPRING HATS,
NEW SPRING NECKWEAR,
NEW SPRING SHOES.

Quality and style equal to what you will find in the city stores, and prices so low that any man can afford to be well dressed. Always come to us for Clothing, Furnishings and Footwear.

Ford's Popular Red Front,

ONE PRICE, PLAIN FIGURES,

158-160 Union Street, - OLEAN, N. Y.

NEW CUSTOMERS

Are surprised at the metropolitan appearance of our store and the extent and variety of our stock. They are welcome visitors for they always return when in want of

FURNITURE, CARPETS OR WALL PAPER

And become regular customers. Of our trade for March, and it was the largest business for March we ever had, fully one half of it was to out of town customers. Goods from every department were shipped as we never shipped them before. Not a town surrounding us but what we made a shipment to. People are fast recognizing the advantages which we offer them and coming to us for their goods.

A SPECIAL FOR TUESDAYS.

100 Chamber Suits, all hard wood, nicely made and well finished, large glass in the dresser for $12.00, regular price $16.00 all nicely packed and delivered free on charge. Order one its a bargain.

SPECIAL No. 2.

A five piece parlor suit, spring edge, upholstered in Silk Brocatelles, a beauty in every way for only $50.

OUR CARPET DEPARTMENT is the talk of the town, filled with new goods, bright, clean patterns, no old shop-worn goods here but sellers.

All Wool Carpets, 50, 55, 60 and 65c.
Agra Carpets 75c.
Wilton Velvets $1.05, worth $1.25.
New Rugs, new Draperies, new Lace Curtains, Upholstery Goods in great variety.

ANDREWS & CONKLING,

127 & 129 Union St. - OLEAN, N. Y.

EASTER OPENING!

Our Spring and Summer opening of Millinery, Ladies' Capes and other wraps will commence on Wednesday, April 10th, and continue the balance of the week.

We have been preparing for this occasion for weeks, and will have some rare surprises for those who favor us with a call.

We also have a superb stock of choice Dress Goods in patterns of one dress of a kind.

All the latest styles in Wash Goods, including Dimities, Percales, Ducks, Ginghams, &c. Beautiful Silk for waists from 30 cents to $1.00 a yard.

In our selections of goods will also be found everything stylish and pretty for Infants' and Children's head wear, as we have the largest and best stock of that kind ever kept by us.

MRS. T. D. NASH.

Smethport, Pa., April 8th, 1895.

ONE DAY ONLY, EACH VISIT.

FREE EYE EXAMINATION.

There is no safer, surer or cheaper method of obtaining proper relief for overstrained and defective eyesight, headache and so forth, than to consult ELLIOTT HOUSEWORTH, the eye specialist. The happy results from correctly fitted glasses [illegible] a great surprise to persons who have not before known the real profit to themselves of wearing glasses. NO CHARGE for examination. All glasses guaranteed.

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AT THE STORE OF W. L. ARMSTRONG, JEWELER, MAIN ST., SMETHPORT PA.

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DRUGGIST AND PHARMACIST,

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK,

Smethport, Pa.,

Dealer in all kinds of Pure Drugs, Chemicals, Trusses and all Appliances for Surgical uses.

Stationery of all kinds.
A full line of Books.
The finest line of Perfume I can buy.
A full line of choice Cigars.
Prescriptions carefully compounded by the only Graduated Pharmacist in the Town.

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CUTS OF LATEST STYLES

Free for the Inspection of Customers.

Neatest of Fits Guaranteed.

GIVE ME A TRIAL.

A RARE CHANCE TO BUY

FURNITURE.

CLOSING OUT SALE!

Of Furniture, Carpets and Housefurnishing Goods.

All goods will be sold at or below COST for the next sixty days, at the

FURNITURE & CARPET STORE,

SMETHPORT, - - PA.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

SPRING 1895.

...it to our Store will convince you that we have the largest line of

Spring and Summer Goods

...ever brought to Smethport.

...Dress Goods Department is full of ...patterns and all kinds of trimm... ...match.

...WASH GOODS are beautiful this sea... ...TALONETTE, entirely new, seems ...with the LONDON PIQUE, ...PRINCESS DUCK, SER... ...TINE CREPE and the FANCY ...HAMS follow.

... an elegant line of Laces and ...The Vandyke Point is ...

...everything in the line of ...Ladies Vests, 5 cents and ...

HATS AND CAPS.

...from 25 cents to $3.00.

...our Shoe Department. We ...in having the latest in ... Remember we are agents ...brated W. L. Douglas Shoe.

...OUR GROCERIES.

... 25cts
... $1 00
...Flour, - - 85cts sk
...NO COFFEE.
...all kinds of Fish.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

Mch. 8, 1895.
Main St., Smethport, Pa.

IKE SIMONS,

MAIN STREET,
Bradford, - Penn'a.

...have all the late ...Styles in Hats and Fur... ...ng Goods for Spring ...Summer, ready for ...inspection. Remem... ...we are sole agents for ...celebrated DUNLAP ...Hats and KNOX Hats, two leading styles in United States.

Strictly one Low Price for Everybody.

IKE SIMONS.

McKean County Miner.

...at the post office at Smethport as second class mail matter

Smethport, Pa., April 12, 1895

LOCAL NOTICES.

...Specht & Sasse for wall paper.

...and lot for sale, opposite opera ...Port Allegany. Address, P. D. Auer.

...of marble and granite work ...at the Prentiss shop on Water ...

WANTED. Two coat makers at once. ...to John Miller, tailor, Smethport.

...prices on wall paper of Specht & ...before going elsewhere. You will ...

...beautiful designs for inspection at ...Marble Works, on Water street, ...be hard to surpass.

...RENT. The building lately oc... ...as a restaurant by Mrs. Valentine ...of Smethport. Apply at Mrs. ...

...house for sale with modern ...ments and a half an acre of ...garden. Inquire of A. ...Coudersport or at this office.

...Sasse have a fine assortment ...designs in wall paper. They ...to hang it on the wall ...but expert workmen ...work.

...cycles and wheels and the ...represented in Smethport ...to prove to you points in ...Ramblers that will ... It will cost you nothing to ...up to date wheels all ...styles and prices to suit ...specially instructed to ...their wheels. ...

For sale.

...land formerly owned by ...at Farmers Valley ...of about 27 acres. In...

MULLIN & MULLIN
Bradford, Pa.

Notice.

...Hayden will show in parlors ...Monday April 15 will ...line of samples Ladies ...Florence Blue shoes. It will ...your while to see the new and ...novelties. Come and bring ...We take this method of ...many friends and customers ...come to us what we carry.

BLOODSWORTH & CO.

...AL AND GENERAL

...is Good Friday.

...ing on your job work.

...ing on your spring advertisements.

...Next Sunday colored eggs will be in ...

...Monday last the log jam at Cros... ...broken.

...Several trains were held up in Brad... ...during the flood.

All the churches are rehearsing special ...for Easter Sunday.

...the best results from advertis... ...the MINER.

...& Sasse have a fine display of ...ages at their store.

...during the last week has ...an emerald blo bue.

...are 510,000 Masons and 800, ...fellows in the United States.

...Breneman and Will Young are ...talking of taking ante-fat ...

...and hear the band concert in ...Court House to-morrow even...

...market is trying to keep ...the oil market, both are on the ...

...has become of the street lamps ...port was to have in the near ...

...are all wearing fourth ...on their faces at ...

...of Bradford, has been ...public by Governor ...

Miss Lydia Burlingame has accepted ...in the millinery store of Mrs. J. W. Reilly.

—Roy Holmes was confined to the house with an attack of la grippe several days last week.

—Lillie Langtry, the English beauty, played at the Star theater, Buffalo, last Monday night.

—Dr. Eurg Chadwick has been appointed county health officer by the state board of health.

—"Steve, Pete and Jake," will abstain from playing the old game, bookey, for this term at least.

—We are sorry to learn that Edward Penfield, of Big Shanty, is not enjoying very good health.

—Tioga county's indebtedness is almost $150,000. A little surcharging would have a good effect there.

—John Hungerford is building an addition to his house at the corner of King and Mechanic streets.

—Mrs. T. D. Nash has a very handsome Easter window. The decorations show much taste and skill.

—The Bradford *Star* of Wednesday says "The *Sunday News* will resume publication in two weeks."

—The creamery cannot keep up with its orders. This is a good showing and is a credit to the management.

—Richard Griffin and W. J. Kirk cut 14 cords of 18-inch wood in ten hours last Tuesday, on the formers farm.

—Andrew McCabe has broken ground for his new house at the corner of Marvin street and Railroad avenue.

—A. Carlson's tailor shop, at Port Allegany, was burglarized on Tuesday night and several suits of clothes stolen.

—The county commissioners went to Eldred on Thursday to arrange the assessment in that boro and township.

—Dr. L. H. Long a celebrated oculist from Chicago, will be at the Grand Central on Saturday. Consultation free.

—The doors of the different offices in the Court House are being covered with linoleum, and it makes a decided improvement.

—Ford talks about new spring clothing this week. Read his new adv and learn of the inducements he holds out to secure trade.

—The first degree will be worked by the I. O. O. F. lodge this evening. All visiting brothers will receive a cordial welcome.

—Messrs. Ford and Ostrander the jury commissioners, commenced their duties on Tuesday, drawing the jury for the June term.

—The sugar social given by the Baptist Society at the Sprague building last Thursday night was a very successful and pleasant affair.

—The members of the M. E. church gave a donation supper in the Sprague building Wednesday evening. About $40 was realized.

—Our band played several pieces on the street last Saturday night and played them well. Give them a band stand and we will hear more.

—We understand that Rev. C. A. Wilson of Olean, has accepted an invitation to deliver the Decoration Day address in Smethport this year.

—County Sup't Eckels held a teachers examination at the East Smethport school house on Monday last. Eleven teachers took the examination.

—A number of our base-ball enthusiasts took advantage of the fine weather Saturday and went down to the ball ground to get "broke in."

—R. S. Golding has accepted a position on the MINER force. His reputation is too well known in this locality to need any special mention from us.

—Last Tuesday was the 30 anniversary of Lee's surrender, a day that brought more rejoicing than any other day in the the annals of our nation's history.

—Mrs. Hannah Steele, widow of the late James Steele, and a former resident of Port Allegany, is lying critically ill at her home in Balsam, Tioga county, Pa.

—Are we going to celebrate the 4th of July? If so, we should commence our arrangements. Let's put our shoulder to the wheel and beat our record made last year.

—We apologize to the Bradford *Sunday Herald* for our negligence, supposing all the time they were on our mailing list. The discovery of the error was not made until last Tuesday.

—The many friends of Senator Bannon will be pleased to learn that his physicians report him as on the road to recovery and that he will be able to attend to business in a few months.

—Five hundred seventy four dollars in counterfeit 2 cent postage stamps were captured by postoffice inspectors at Chicago the 1st part of the week. It is claimed the stamps were made in Canada.

The Tioga county grand jury at the March term of court hauled the county commissioners over the coals in great shape for their extravagance and to a certain extent the grand jury was in the right.

District Deputy Grand Master Raub, of Bradford installed the newly-selected officers of Smethport Lodge No. [illegible] I. O. O. F., last Friday evening. There were three candidates who took the initiatory degree.

—The dwelling house located on the Stoddard farm, on Cole Creek, and occupied by Alex Farley, was discovered to be on fire Sunday morning. Fortunately the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

—Brownell Bros. have a new adv. in this issue of the MINER, to which the attention of our readers is respectfully directed. This firm have the reputation of handling only the finest goods in their line. Give them a call.

—A large number of Tioga county farmers are going to give up the raising of tobacco and try potatoes instead. This movement would be much better for soil, as tobacco draws more strength from the ground than any other crop.

—N. M. Glassmire, of Coudersport, who prides himself on being the cranky landlord, has placed in his office one of the handsomest advertising clocks made. It is constructed on an entirely new plan, and attracts a great deal of attention.

—The silver medal contest given in Farmers Valley on last Friday night brought out a crowded house and interested audience. Each contestant did admirably. The medal was awarded to Madge Rifle, second honor Marie Dunn.

—Last Thursday little Walter Breneman entered our sanctum and presented us with a fine photograph of himself. We can assure our little friend that the gift is greatly appreciated and will occupy a prominent position in our collection of pictures.

—Names of those not absent during the past month in room 1 are Mary Anderson, Helen Anderson, Florence Cummings, Viola Doerr, Bessie Hall, Harry Haley, Eddie Irons, Donna Lyman, Myron Gallup, Rena McCammon, Myra Servatius, Elsie Sherrer, Bruce Spence, Lena Young, Ethel Voorhees. Number enrolled 34.

—That Mrs. J. W. Reilly has an artist's eye is apparent to every one who has seen her elegant display of Easter millinery and the handsome window decorations.

—The fine weather Sunday brought out a large number of bicyclists. It is surprising the number of wheelmen there are in this place, and the number is constantly increasing.

—W. D. McLaren and J. W. Albright last Saturday purchased the Warren *Mirror* and good will. The *Mirror* starts out under the new management with the hearty congratulations of its many contemporaries. May their best wishes be realized.

—The *Era* says Bradford will experience a genuine boom in building during the spring and the coming summer. Besides the five brick buildings to be erected on Main street, there will be numerous dwelling houses built in different parts of the city.

—The Olean *Trump* says "Sartwell boasts of a man who has been a resident there for ten years and has not yet been to Turtle Point." Poor man; he does not realize how much he has missed. But where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be otherwise.

—There has been considerable excitement in the oil market during the past week. On Tuesday the regular market closed at $1 27, but the speculative market reached $1 45. Some of the oil men are even talking $2 00 per barrel. This will have a tendency to start drills in various sections that have heretofore been very quiet.

—There is no question but that the cold nights of Tuesday and Wednesday were a very fortunate occurence, as the water was getting extremely high, and with the large quantities of snow in the woods, if it had continued warm the would have raised to such a pitch that it would have caused great damage all along the streams.

—During a recent visit to Farmers Valley a representative of the MINER called at the mercantile establishment of J. C. Stull. Mr. Stull has a fine store which is well stocked with a choice line of general merchandise. The attention of the MINER'S readers is directed to the adv. of this gentleman, which may be found in another column.

—The M. E. church and Sunday school of this place will have specially interesting Easter exercises on Sabbath consisting of a Sunrise Service, missionary sermon by the pastor and a specially interesting Easter exercise by the young people in the evening. The decorations will be specially attractive consisting of "The Gates Ajar" and other floral decorations.

—Four inexperienced young men tried to hold up a Pennsylvania freight train near St. Marys one day last week but made a complete failure, as the engineer was built of the right kind of material and pulled his train out of reach of the would be Dalton gang. Detective Vernon of Renovo came up and captured the hold robbers and they are now housed at Ridgway.

—Last week we had the pleasure of meeting W. L. Rhodes, agent for E. C. DeWitte, of Chicago. Mr. Rhodes is a man of good address and well qualified for the position he fills. His employer, Mr. DeWitte has lately been elected president of the Marquette Club, of Chicago, Ill., one of the most select societies of the city. This a great distinction and there is no question but that the club made a good selection.

—Barnes, Hengerer & Co., of Buffalo, appear on our first page this week in a new and attractive double-half column advertisement, giving a view of their mammoth place of business, which any one who has ever visited the place can readily recognize. This is one of the leading houses in western New York, and their name is well known in every home in this section. If you cannot pay them a visit a letter will do just as well.

—Just listen to the "blarney stone" oscillator Tom Harrington, of the Potter *Populist* as he introduces smiling April to his readers. "April's dawn was wet and warm. Her Niobe like tears fell alike upon the fooler and the fooled. Ere the close of the last hour of her life's first day winter the grizzly-whiskered old wretch blew a malicious breath in her pure, sweet face, and froze the dew on her pretty eyelids. But she'll recover in time to witness the budding and the blooming of the Easter hat.

—There was a terrible freight wreck on the B. R. & P. railroad, near Punxsutawney, Tuesday morning in which the engineer Edward Taylor, and fireman Morris Shea, lost their lives. At first it was thought that the conductor and brakeman were both killed, but they escaped. The wreck was caused by a bridge being carried away with the high water, and the heavy train coming around a curve, plunged into the stream before the men could jump from the doomed train. Sixteen cars were piled up in the wreck.

—The Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. class of 1868 made an endowment paying $40 annually, called "The Class of 1868 Prize," to be awarded to the author of the best written and spoken oration in the senior class. At the close of each fall term six competitors for this prize are appointed from the senior class. The prize for 1895 was awarded to Guy B. Mayo, of this town, whose subject was "The Social Problem." It is with pleasure that we mention this evidence of the success of our young friend, and hope he may be as successful in whatever profession he may engage.

—This has been the week of the Jewish Passover. For over four thousand years the descendants of Abraham have held this week sacred to the memory of their escape from the four hundred years of slavery in Egypt. They had been ordered by Moses to kill a lamb of that year, between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock p. m. and sprinkle the door posts and lintels of every house with the blood in order that the destroying angel, at the sight of the blood, might pass over them. The following day they were to eat the flesh of the lamb, roasted, and unleavened bread and a salad of lettuce or bitter herbs. This feast lasts seven days.

—Dr. S. A. Phillips, of Coudersport, has purchased one of Laymon's pneumatic sporting boats that is a decided curiosity. It has the appearance of an extremely large horse collar, made of rubber and inflated. In the middle is a seat and in front a pair of rubber leggings, with boots attached. The hunter can place his feet in the boots, pick up his boat by the side-straps and walk out into the water until he gets a sufficient depth, and then sit down and sail away after the game. With a little brush as a cover, he would have no difficulty in approaching wild ducks and geese. The Doctor was intending to launch his unique craft the early part of the week at Port Allegany, and there is no question but that he attracted the attention of every settler along the river, and the chances are they tried a shot at him, as they may have taken him for a new species of water fowl.

—At the meeting of the North Western Volunteer Firemen's Association held at Warren last Wednesday, April 10, J. C. Greenwald, of Bradford, was elected President. First and second vice presidents were C. H. Smith, of Warren, and J. O. Nantes, Corry; Secretary, T. F. Richmond, Smethport, Treasurer, Frank Barnhart, Warren; Executive committee, C. O. Laymon, Port Allegany, W. F. Smith, North East, S. V. Durbec, Tidioute, Adrian Sizer, Kane, Geo. C. Fagnan, Bradford. The next convention will be held in Bradford on August 21.

—Last Friday at Coudersport Messrs. F. H. and C. W. Goodyear closed the deal with the Clinton Bros., of Galeton, whereby they become owners of the large mill and all appurtenances belonging thereto, besides about 9,000 acres of hemlock lands lying on the Pine creek waters. This is another extensive deal, covering the sum of $110 000. Harvey & Sullivan, of Austin, will manufacture the lumber this season, and next year extensive repairs will be put upon the plant, making it one of the best in this section. Galeton is bound to boom.

—We have received from Hon. Willard White, of Boston, a letter and a copy of the Boston *Post*, giving a description of the celebration of the 88th birthday of Rev. S. F. Smith, the author of "America," written in 1832, 63 years ago, held in Music Hall, Boston, Wednesday afternoon and evening, April 3. The hall was profusely decorated with our national emblems. The meeting was presided over by Governor Greenhalge, of Mass., with 50 public men as vice presidents. According to the description given by Mr. White, it must have been one of the grandest sights of the century. Space will not permit our going into detail, but all lovers of national anthems will fully appreciate the feelings of patriotism that would well up in the bosoms of those who were fortunate enough to enjoy the pleasure of being present upon such a grand occasion.

—The celebrated bark deal between Col. Wm. Dent, of Brookland, and F. H. and C. W. Goodyear that the papers have been full of for the last two weeks, was not consummated until last Friday. The price per cord was $4 25 for the bark, including the timber and the price paid down was $40,000, instead of $140 000. This insures a railroad to Brookland, Potter county, and it may continue on over the mountain to Genesee Forks, thus giving Potter county a northern outlet, and connect with the Erie road at Wellsville. This will make busy times in Potter county during the summer. All the bark on the above 4 000 acres will have to be removed this season and a railroad to be built from Galeton to Brookland a distance of 11 miles, and besides this the extension of the Coudersport & Port Allegany road to Ulysses will give employment to a large number of men.

Libel or not Libel.

A Pennsylvania judge has struck a hard blow to those unscrupulous men who on the slightest provocation bring a suit against a newspaper. Judge Endlich at Reading Pa., in dismissing a libel suit brought against the *Herald* of that city, held that an account of a criminal proceedings proper matter for publication and a privileged communication an error in that communication if it be part of the detail he held was also privileged. Presumption of malice is rebutted by the evidence of reasonable care in an attempt to verify the statements made and that there was reasonable and proper cause for believing that it was true. The judge declared a newspaper publisher should not be held to a stricter accountability in the conduct of his business than any other person engaged in a business enterprise. In conclusion he said:

It is an absolute impossibility for newspapers in our day to do the work which the times and the people expect and demand, and at the same time to verify to a certainty every item and explore for possible falsity in what seems true. Certainly nothing more should be exacted from them in that line than is required from other individuals.

The judge has taken the wise and common sense course and his decision will have a salutary effect on the people who when exposed are always demanding satisfaction.—*Erie Dispatch Gazette*

Services at St. Luke's.

The first service at St. Luke's on Easter day will be at 7 30 a. m. Morning prayer will be at 10 o'clock. The solemn celebration of the Holy Communion, with festival music, will begin at 10.30 a. m. Evensong at 7.30 o'clock. The music at the 10.30 service will be Tours Communion service with Sanctus Benedictus and Agnus Dei from Gounod. Organ prelude will be the Gloria from Mozart and postlude, Costas Triumphal march.

St. Luke's church will be decorated with a profusion of choice flowers on Easter Day. A quantity of lilies have been brought from the Bermudas.

GOOD FRIDAY.

The solemn services of Good Friday, at St. Luke's church, will be as follows:

Morning prayer at 9 o'clock. The Preaching of the Cross 12 m. to 3 p. m. Children's service at 4 p. m. Evening prayer at 7.30 o'clock. The service beginning at 12 m. will consist of hymns, prayers, intervals for silent devotion, and meditations on the "Seven Sayings from the Cross." A general attendance of the children is asked for at the 4 p. m. service.

Service and sermon at All Saint's Chapel, East Smethport at 10 a. m.

Oil Notes.

The Pope, Rooney & Heinlein rig, south of Ormsby, is going up rapidly and the drill will be seeking oil or China in a few days. Their location is excellent and their chances for getting oil seem to be very good. May success attend their efforts.

Johnson & Co.'s well, on Havens Brook, had reached a depth of 1200 feet on Saturday last. The drill is to be put down 2300 feet.

The well located on Colegrove Brook, which is being put down by McKnight & Co. struck a small vein of gas at a depth of 700 feet.

It is expected that a well will be located and a rig put up on Barney brook either the last of this week or the fore part of next week. This well will be put down by a local company.

Oil on Wednesday took another jump. The ruling price was $1 27 and the speculative price ran up to $1 55.

(Bradford Era)

The South Penn. Oil Company purchased yesterday the Simpson oil property of Rose & Byron. The transaction includes 500 acres of land and 13 wells, one of which is drilling and two are rigs building. The consideration was $70 000 in cash. Mr. Byron still retains his extensive oil properties at Stony Point and Cyclone, which consist of 400 acres of land and 31 producing wells. Hereafter he will devote his attention to operations in this territory. He has sold, since Feb. 1 of this year, $127 000 worth of oil property in this county but that does not mean that he has quit the business. He will still keep the drill bouncing. "Charley" is a hustler.

It May Do as Much for You.

Mr. Fred Miller of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe Kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many socalled Kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure of all kidney and liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c for large bottle. At F R Foster's and A B Armstrong & Co.'s drug store.

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL NOTES.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

Ben Crandal departed for Rochester Monday.

O. B. Lay was over from Kane on Wednesday.

W. H. Curtis, of Olean, is in town for a few days.

J. W. Allen, of Coudersport, was in town on Monday.

Fred F. Brown, of Eldred, came up on Monday on business.

Miss Rose Grumbine was down from Clermont on Sunday.

Comrade Wright made a business trip to Buffalo last week.

T. F. Richmond visited Warren the early part of the week.

Judge Morrison was holding court in Clarion county this week.

A. J. Gilfillan departed for Cleveland on business last Tuesday.

Editor Lindsley went to Lawrenceville, Tioga county, last week.

Mrs. W. W. Fell returned to her home in Warren county last week.

L. P. Lund moved with his family last week from Larabee to Eldred.

W. H. Morrison went to Bradford on Monday night to visit relatives.

F. E. Barden, of Eldred, transacted business at the hub on Monday.

E. F. Cornell, of Port Allegany, transacted business here on Monday.

Mr and Mrs. M. B. Greer and daughter paid Bradford a visit on Tuesday.

L. Rogers and wife spent a couple of days in Bradford the first of the week.

Prof. Fell now listens to the recitation of the bill of fare at the Grand Central.

Miss Lily Phoenix, of Crosby, was a guest of Smethport friends Sunday last.

Will Tillibridge, of Port Allegany, drove over Bush Hill on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. W. A. Grinard, of Olean, spent Sunday with her husband at the Grand Central.

E. P. Dalrymple and B. H. Rice, Port Alleganyites, were in town the early part of the week.

E. F. McCann, representing N. R. Collins & Co., of Bradford had business in town on Wednesday.

W. N. Lewellyn, one of Eldred's foremost business men had business at the county seat yesterday.

Mr and Mrs. H. C. Wells departed on Wednesday for Buffalo, where Mr. Wells will purchase new goods.

F. F. Burdick, the popular conductor on the Clermont accommodation, has removed his family to Olean.

Mrs. J. W. Bouton and daughter visited friends in Eldred Sunday.

Gus McClure, travelling for Barnes, Hengerer & Co. of Buffalo, was in town Monday visiting his many customers.

Miss Gertrude Walker returned from Fort Plaines, N. J. on Monday night, where she has been attending school.

James N. Hackett, of East Smethport, who has been attending school at Rochester is spending his vacation at home.

D. W. Flynn, Mt. Jewett, F. W. Van Wormer Ceres, and Mrs. L. M. Deeps Kane, were Grand Central guests Tuesday night.

Frank Andrews of Coudersport, an extensive lumber dealer, was here last Friday negotiating for a large tract of timber land.

A. B. Smith, an old veteran, of Port Allegany, made us a pleasant call last Monday and the mailing list shows he is paid up away to 1896.

Mrs. W. P. Eckels and children went to Kane on Monday night for a few days visit among friends, while Mr. Eckels is attending to his duties around the county.

J. M. McElroy came up from Harrisburg on Saturday spent Sunday in Bradford and made a brief call on his Smethport friends on Monday returning to Harrisburg on the afternoon train.

Last Saturday morning Hon. Fred C. Leonard, of the 17th district, came up on the early train from Olean. Political honors do not seem to change Fred in the least. He is the same genial good-natured gentleman that we knew years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tracy have been visiting their parents at East Smethport for the past two or three weeks. On Monday last Mr. Tracy departed for Colorado where he expects to locate. Mrs. Tracy will remain with relatives for a time.

Judge Ward of Bradford was greeting his many friends in town Thursday. He informs us that he has suffered considerably from Lagrippe the past winter, but is on the gain now. He also said that his daughter, Mrs. H. A. Henry, of Jacksonville, Fla., was enjoying excellent health and was perfectly delighted with the climate.

Herman Toll came home from Allegany on Saturday to visit his parents and friends, returning Thursday. Herman says he is in first-class condition and he certainly looks it. He will pitch his first game with the St. Bonaventure team to-morrow at Allegany when the Hobart College team will try conclusions with the first-named club.

A Great Leader.

We are pleased you that we have received the sole agency for Otto's Cure, the great throat and lung healer. Otto's Cure is the great leader of all proprietary preparations for the cure of coughs, colds asthma, bronchitis, consumption, etc. We will guarantee Otto's Cure to cure you and if you will call at our store we will give you a bottle of this great guaranteed remedy free of charge. Otto's Cure instantly relieves croup and whooping cough. Don't delay. Samples free. Large bottles 50c and 25c at McCoy's drug store, Smethport, C. A. Anderson, Colegrove, S. W. Stickney, Newerf, J. C. Stull, Farmers Valley, sole agents.

Knights of the Maccabees.

The State Commander writes us from Lincoln, Neb., as follows "After trying other medicines for what seemed to be a very obstinate cough in our two children we tried Dr King's New Discovery and at the end of two days the cough entirely left them. We will not be without it hereafter, as our experience proves that it cures where all other remedies fail."—Signed F. W. Stevens, State Com.—Why not give this great medicine a trial, as it is guaranteed and trial bottles are free at F R Foster's and A B Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and $1 00.

A Big Surprise.

In store for all who try Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves. The general verdict of all who have used this great vegetable is that it is the grandest remedy ever discovered for the cure of dyspepsia, liver complaint, general debility, etc. Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves stimulates the digestive organs, regulates the liver and restores the system to vigorous health and energies. Samples free. Large packages 50c. and 25c. Sold only by McCoy's drug store, sole agents. Smethport, C. A. Anderson, Colegrove, S. W. Stickney, Newerf, J. C. Stull, Farmers Valley.

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Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

W. P. WALSH, Postmaster.

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The stock is larger and prices lower than ever.
Foster Kid Gloves all shades at $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50; warranted.
Dr Warners' and Her Majesty's corsets now in stock.

MILLINERY DISPLAY.

50 New Pattern Hats for you to inspect. Elegant display of Flowers. Miss Libby Marth and Annie Lynch have just returned from New York in the interest of the millinery department. Make your selections early and leave your order for your New Hat or bonnet.

50 pieces of new silks to select from.

$5,000 New Dress Goods to select from. New Capes and Jackets, positively the largest stock in the city at

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Leaders of Low Prices and Reliable Goods. Always Ask for Goods Advertised.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

Interesting News From Various Localities Picked up by Our Regular Correspondents.

PORT ALLEGANY.

F. W. Tuckerman, of Williamsport, special examiner of the U. S. Pension bureau, was in town over Sunday. He was engaged in looking up evidence on claims which have been before the bureau for years and could not be allowed for lack of evidence.

Communion services were held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning and as a result of the late revival fifteen new members were received into church fellowship. It is expected that three or four more will be added later on.

Contractor C. J. Grover had his thumb so severely injured on the Clark Bros. job a few days ago that he found it necessary to lay off for a few days. He spent the time with his family in town, returning to his duties Monday morning.

J. W. Kershner came up from Olean Saturday and passed the Sabbath with his family, returning to his duties on Monday morning. Mr. Kershner has a lucrative position with one of the Olean machinery companies.

M. A. Tillibridge had business in Olean and adjoining towns the first of the week. Mace is watching the potato market closely and predicts that tubers will bring 75c per bushel inside of three weeks.

The officers of the lodge of I. O. O. F. were installed on Wednesday evening last as follows: B. R. Sinet, N. G. Geo Moses, V. N. G. C. H. Bergman, Sec., Oscar Th[illegible]n, Treas.

Messrs. E. P. Dalrymple, J. H. Williams and others very generously built a new side walk in front of the burned district last Saturday, an improvement highly appreciated by all.

A. F. Nichols of Shingle House, is again employed in the store of E. R. Holley & Co. Mr. Nichols is a pleasant young gentleman to meet and is considered a first class salesman.

D. D. Nelson, the energetic lumberman and farmer of Colesburg, Potter Co., had business in our village last Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. C. F. Gallup of Coudersport have been spending a few days with their parents in this place.

H. C. Dorman and wife of Coudersport, passed through Monday morning en route for Olean and Buffalo.

H. Palmer and Alice Palmer of Palmerville were visiting friends in town last Thursday and Friday.

The genial Col. Rogers, of Smethport, was greeting his many friends in town last Friday and Saturday.

Rev. J. W. Arney is attending the meeting of the Presbytery being held in Wellsboro this week.

Dr. L. L. Watts was up from Olean last week looking after his business interests in this village.

Charlie Selden came up from Olean Saturday night and spent Sunday among friends in town.

Richard Camp, Jr. of the Buffalo Courier office spent the Sabbath with his parents in town.

The genial C. C. Lowry, of Holland, N. Y., general excursion agent of the Nickle plate R. R. was shaking hands with friends and acquaintances last Saturday.

Miss Agnes Leighton has so far recovered from her recent severe illness as to visit her parents at Olean where she will remain until fully recovered.

Messrs. Sartwell and Rice are tearing down the remnants of the buildings on Main street and will prepare the ground for rebuilding.

C. J. Manning, ran over from Oswayo to visit friends for two or three days.

Mrs. C. W. Hooker visited friends at Port ville and Olean the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Farraday spent Sunday with their parents at Roulette.

Attorney T. D. Teet of Emporium was in town for a few days last week.

W. K. Vanarsdale was in Jamestown N. Y., last week on a business mission.

M. A. Farraday, of Roulette was doing business in town last Friday.

Miss N. H. [illegible], of Buffalo, was home a day or two the past week.

Alpha [illegible] spent the Sabbath at Gardeau among old acquaintances.

Attorney C. W. Collins had business in Bradford and Olean last week.

Luke Sheldon of Olean, Sundayed with relatives in town.

[illegible] Cornell had business in Buffalo, the first of last week.

[illegible] Clair of Hebron was in town over Sunday.

MT. ALTON

District Deputy Raub, of Bradford, was here on Thursday and installed the following officers in Kanaus Lodge, I. O. O. F.: Lyman Aldrich, N. G., Frank Cook, V. G., Simon Crites, Secr., T. T. Lenox, Ass't Sec., Peter Wagner, Treas., W. T. Robinson, Trustee, after which a fine repast was enjoyed at the Butts House.

Prof. Parker and sister, Mrs. Bowen, have been holding a class in vocal music here the past week. The class numbers about fifty pupils and is to finish up with a carnival on Tuesday evening.

Dr. Williamson and wife were called to Canisteo, N. Y., last week by the sad news of the death of Mrs. Williamson's father, whose funeral took place on Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Crocker returned last Friday from a two weeks visit with his parents, at Myrtle, Pa., and reports his health considerably improved.

Miss Tessie O'Connell and Mrs. Sadie Bright were initiated into the mysteries of Isabel Lodge last Saturday evening.

J. J. McCarten and son, William, started on Sunday for Canada, where they will spend the summer on their farm.

Miss Alice Cunningham, who has been in Pittsburg several months pursuing studies, is now home for a visit.

The members of the Hose Co. are to give a ball at the I. O. O. F. Hall next Monday evening.

Mrs. Mary O'Connell, who has been very ill the past week, is now convalescing.

Mrs. B. J. Cato, of Bradrord, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Lidd Cooney is spending several days with friends at Irving Mills, N. Y.

Miss Maggie Quinn visited friends at Glen Hazel and Griffith last week.

Mrs. J. Aldrich has been feeling somewhat worse this past week.

S. S. Washburn was in Forest Co. the greater part of last week.

Dr. Chadwick and wife, of Smethport, were in town on Friday.

Mrs. Geo. E. Beaumont was at Bradford last Thursday.

Chas. Harding was in Bradford on Saturday.

FARMER'S VALLEY.

We have heard of strikes and lockouts, but have always located them at a distance, thinking our little hamlet free from any such disturbance. But alas, we find something new every day even in Farmers Valley, for we came in contact with as complete a lockout last Friday as we ever care to meet. Arrangements had been made with the Smethport W. C. T. U. to hold a silver medal contest at the church. During the afternoon the church was cleaned, lamps filled and everything put in readiness for the evening. When our Smethport friends arrived we conducted them over to the church where we found ourselves locked out with a padlock and chain. Our indignation knew no bounds, but our Smethport friends would allow no trouble to be made in their behalf, so we repaired to the hall, where an indignation meeting preceded the contest. Some time elapsed before we could proceed with the contest, but at last all was in order and we listened with pleasure to the speaker. The judges decided in favor of Miss Madge Rifle, who received the medal amidst loud applause. Come again, friends, and if locked out we will receive you into our own homes.

The son of Alonzo Herzog died on Sunday, the 7th inst., of diabetes. He was a sweet child of seven years and had been sick for some time. The family have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral was held on Tuesday at the church, Rev. G. W. Halliwell, of Smethport, officiating. Interment in Smith's cemetery.

Last Sunday was election of officers in our Sabbath school. Following are the officers elected: Sup't, Mrs. C. A. Frisbee, Ass't Sup't, J. C. Stull, Sec'y, Mrs. M. Beckwith, Treas., Harry Roeder, Organist, Nellie Burgess.

Charles Decker is moving into the house lately vacated by S. W. Taylor. Mr. Taylor and family returned to their former home in Purtle Point, while Mr. Decker takes his place in Mr. Stull's employ.

Easter services will be held at the church next Sunday. A very fine program will be carried out by the Sunday school.

High water. Now the lumbermen are happy.

What has become of the proposed Valley band?

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

☞Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

SALESMAN WANTED—To sell NON-NICOTINE MIDGET CIGARS. Samples free. Salary or commission. Good side line. Address, LANDIS & CO., Shippensburg, Pa.

Wanted, to purchase or rent a small farm near some enterprising village. Address "FARM," MINER office. 4t.

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Maybe you don't know that a Columbia crank is different from other bicycle cranks. Just drop in and let us show you the difference. No keys to work loose. Narrow tread. Easily detachable. Strong and simple. The cranks are but one point in which Columbias excel all others.

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The best Bicycle—unequalled, unapproached.

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M. L. ARMSTRONG, Ag't, Smethport, Pa.

Spring and Summer MILLINERY.

I have received and am receiving my SPRING and SUMMER stock of fine MILLINERY. Call and inspect goods and get prices.

An elegant line of

EASTER GOODS

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An Exceptional Opportunity.

E. H. LONG,

Oculist Optician,

Associated eight years with leading Chicago Oculists and member of oldest Optical firm in Chicago, will be in

SMETHPORT, SATURDAY, April 13,

And will treat and guarantee to fit all refractive errors or muscular trouble.

Consultation free at the Grand Central Hotel.

Refers to Thos. H. Ryan.

TOWER SHOE STORE
OLEAN, N.Y.

Our Spring Opening this week. We have never had as many handsome styles in shoes as this spring. We can safely say no larger city can offer you a greater assortment.

The needle toe is still a strong favorite, with the very narrow square a close 2nd.

Russets for business; Patent Leathers, black kid, for dress.

We will send an assortment to any reliable party to choose from, and your money back if not satisfied.

BLOODSWORTH & CO., OLEAN, N. Y.

The Latest Addition to Smethport's Business Interests.

The Palace Pharmacy.

A. W. COLEGROVE, Proprietor.

Our Motto—"WE STRIVE TO PLEASE ALL" and we succeed too.

Everything New. THE PALACE is decorated in white and everything about the place is white including our treatment of our Patrons.

A full line of Drugs, Medicines, Toilet Articles, Perfumes, and in fact everything carried in a first-class Drug Stock.

We have on hand a specially selected, unsurpassable line of Pure Wines and Liquors for medicinal and family use.

Syringes, Trusses, Crutches, Etc., and surgical appliances of all kinds and sizes.

We have a competent Druggist constantly in attendance, and make a specialty of Physicians' Prescriptions.

Our Customers can depend on Pure Drugs, Courteous Attention and

NO MISTAKES.

CROCKERY.

The questions are these: Can the house which buys most buy cheapest? Must not the store which sells most sell cheapest? Can you not suit yourself best where you find the greatest variety?

We buy most. We sell most. We display the largest variety?

Don't make a mistake when you want to buy crockery.

RUBBER PAINT.

Rubber paint lasts. It doesn't look better when new than some other paints, but it looks better when a season old.

Some who have used it say it lasts five times as long as common paint. Three times as long would be safer.

Certainly not another paint in the world can compare with it.

—ALL COLORS.

BICYCLES.

We sell bicycles this year—Not some kind made so cheaply that they move like a dray horse.

A man who rides a bicycle for fun wants to move fast. His wheel must be perfect in its mechanism.

We sell the Syracuse—the kind with crimson rims.

Come and see how you like them.

HARNESS.

This is a great Store for harness.

He is a hard man to please whom we cannot suit with a harness.

And if the harness suits the price suits.

No one else can sell harness as low as we can. We have the inside on buying. This is a great Store for harness.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

(EMERY & WEAVER,)

BRADFORD, PENNA.

Latest Novelties in Wash Goods!

Just arrived from New York City, a Selected personally by my Buyer, at New York, last week.

SPECIALTIES.

Satin Organdies,
Syrian Organdies,
Flowered Algerine,
French Ginghams,
Domestic Ginghams,
Jet Trimmings.

Cotton and Wool Challies,
Percales and Swiss Mulls—dotted or flowered,
Plain and Figured Sateens,
Patterns of Fancy Silk Waists.

My Shirt Waists and Gents' colored, laundried shirts will arrive next week.

Call and look at the new goods. None like them in town.

J. Colegrove.

SUNSET

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was to these simple souls a religion.

If to wise grayheads, how much more to poor Anne! As spring went on to summer she sat through the long days, her heart riotous with impatience for the coming in of her own. She choked sometimes at the thought that she had forfeited her right to welcome them. Enforced though it was, she felt bound by the oath until the Confederacy's triumph should make it null and void. Only thus could her soul be freed from this prison of her own building. It was pitiful to see her put aside the knitting, the spinning "for Jack," to hear her say, with a catch in her breath, "Mother—give me your work—I cannot do mine any more. Jack is—my enemy, but maybe you will send"—

"Yes, yes, daughter, never fear. Mother knows what you want and will do it," Mrs. Powell said soothingly as she took out of her daughter's sight the warm home wrought garments whose every fiber enmeshed loving thought of the destined wearer. She honored her child's keen conscience. Caroline laughed at it. "Anne's just like father, and everybody knows he's worse than Don Quixote," she confided to Cousin Tom Gregory, now a habitue of the house.

"She's foolish, I must say," Mr. Gregory admitted, "an I must say fur ther, Cousin Carrie, it's aggravatin. Ef she wuz only like you, now, why, your father an me could run this county to suit ourselves while Colonel Grice staid here, an that will be till the war is over. He don't git er bit better. Will never be fit for active service, the doctor says. An he's just plumb crazy about Anne. Why, his breath gets short, an he looks over my head ef I just happen to mention, keerlesslike, that I stopped at Major Powell's last time I was in the country. I wonder he don't come out to see her."

In his less sane moments Colonel Grice wondered too. He was fevered, famished for sight and speech of the slim creature, defiant, penitent, held fast for one thrilling minute close, so close to his breast. He could see her any day. A morning gallop would bring him to her presence. Once even he set out and rode half way before his heart misgave him. Then he told himself that such quest was worse than cruel. Only a coward would seek a woman whom fate restrained from freely showing her inclination. There was but one thing for it—to wait for peace! If it found him alive, he would woo her so humbly and with such patience that perhaps she would forgive and let him love her till she learned of him love's lesson. Meantime he owed it to manhood to protect her even from himself.

Long, long the summer lingered. October flushed you in breath of May. And all the sweet air was filled with rumors of war. Now and again even you felt, not heard, the vibrant tremor of day long cannonading to southward. The wildest stories—of battles won and lost, of impossible surprises, of march and siege—flew thick as the yellow leaves. All men's minds were in turmoil. Colonel Grice even knew not what to believe.

Though no enemy menaced the post, communication was cut to north and south. The picket line was trebled. Men slept upon their arms. Though the hovering enemy clouded his most venturous scout, Colonel Grice stood ready at all points for attack.

"I am not a spy!"

The strain of uncertainty wore upon him. His step was slow to halting as he walked home from the McNeal house, where his staff lingered over their supper. The house stood in wide grounds with thick shrubberies about it. Half way to the gate he stopped short, put a hand hard to his breast and said huskily, "Yes. It is Colonel Grice. Say quickly, please, what you want of him."

Anne Powell had called to him. Now she stepped from covert of evergreens, stood fronting him, untrembling, with drooped eyelids and hanging hands. "Come with me, please," she said, turning into a narrow path that ran on to a small arbor thickly screened, but so low roofed that both [illegible] barely stand upright in its middle.

Thus face to face Colonel Grice waited in that close space whatever she had to say. It was nothing light or trivial. Her face bore plain to his [illegible] eyes a burden of life and death. Very gently he took one nerveless hand between both his own. It lay there, with no flutter of pulses, as Anne said:

"I have come to you for justice and mercy. Justice to myself, mercy to my father. Colonel Grice, you gave me a safe conduct."

"Yes."

"You trusted to my honor. I have betrayed your trust. Six weeks ago Jack, my brother—the name coming hard—was ordered with his regiment from Virginia here. [illegible] They sent him as a scout. He knew all the country. I—he came home—at dead of night—I—"

Colonel Grice put a hand over her lips. His face was like death as he whispered: "For God's sake, say no more. I cannot bear it."

"I could not bear not to speak," Anne said huskily. "At least not to let you know my—treason, and to ask its punishment."

"Do you know what that is?"

"Death, I suppose. That is easy, for one's country, but, oh, to feel yourself forsworn!"

"Were you not afraid?"

"A Powell is never afraid. That is why. Oh, sir, have pity on my father! Send me to death in silence, in secret. Never let him know. He would fight and die for me."

"So would I, Anne. Anne, you must know that while I live no harm shall touch you, not even if this ill thing you have done were ten hundred times as bad!"

Then he caught her hands in his, saying, with a half smile, "Suppose instead your sentence were—imprisonment for life?"

Anne answered only with a look. He went on pathetically eager:

"It might not be a long imprisonment, dear. You see, I meant for my life. I have here—just under your hands—two troublesome reminders of your friends in gray which may make an end of me any day. Could you not endure me even a little while?"

Stormy tears broke up to Anne's sweet eyes. Impulsively she laid her cheek against his hands and said brokenly: "Oh, Colonel Grice, if only I could give you my youth and strength! Let you live out my allotted span!"

Colonel Grice put her gently away, drew a long, hard breath, and said, looking full in her eyes, "Let me take you to your father, Anne, and please forget—everything—except that I can wait."

Ten years later, in the times of piping peace, nothing more delighted Mr. Thomas Gregory than to tell to the passing stranger the tale of Colonel Grice's wooing. Strange to relate, Mr. Gregory's southern sympathies grew much more marked in an atmosphere devoid of villainous saltpeter. So the tale was apt to wind up thus: "Yes, suh, he wuz er Yankee—colonel commandin the post yere—an fell in love with her the very minit he seen her. But our southern wimmin are the clear grit, specially the blooded ones like Cousin Anne Powell. I tell ye, she didn't surrender till more'n a year after Gen'l Lee did, an then I believe it was mostly from pyore pity, for between the love and the lead in him it did look like he'd die. But she did marry him, her brother Jack standin up with 'em, an now—why, Lord bless ye, between his wife an the climit he's as likely as any man ye know ter live ter die of old age."

THE END.

Old Marital Ceremonies.

"Wedding" comes from an old word "wad," or "wed," a pledge or token, still used in Scotland to denote a bail or surety. An early English author, one Robert Brunne, writes of laying his glove to "wed." Also Geoffrey Chaucer says, "Let him beware his neck lieth to wedde." Furthermore, the poet Gower enlightens us on the use of the word "wedde" as follows:

But first, ere thou be spedde,
Thou shalt have such a wedde
That I will have to thy behonde
That thou shalt be myn huslande.

Anglo-Saxon custom ordained that, when the betrothal of young people took place, the youth gave the maiden certain "weds," one of which was a ring. It was put on the right hand then, being subsequently removed to the left on marriage. This is apparently the origin of our modern engagement ring.

The giving of money is assigned to the time of Clovis, who, when married to Princess Clothilde, gave her a "sou" and a "denier." Since then, these have become legal marriage offerings even to this day in France. Of course, the value of the coins depends on the status of the contracting parties. Formerly a like custom existed in England. The bride or her attendant carried a bag, often handsomely embroidered, to receive the gift for the bride. This receptacle was called a "dow" (from "dower") purse, and this custom long lingered in country parts. Evidently from it originated the bridal gift of parents or bridegroom called a dowry.—Chambers' Journal.

Aluminium In Lithography.

The stone which American lithographers have to import from Germany bids fair to be superseded before long by aluminium. The only American stone thus far known that would answer at all is in Arkansas, and that is not good. Aluminium is a little cheaper than the imported stone, and it is now of great interest among our lithographic art people that the metal is being successfully used as a substitute, with results that are improving more and more as its use becomes familiar. It is easily etched by acids, and a set of plates can be very quickly prepared in this way for any design that may be desired. As far as the use of these plates has gone, however, the highest grade of work is still done on the German stone by the old engraving process. Our best American lithographs are ten color work. Sometimes it runs as high as 13 and 14, but that is the highest. The French and German claim to use 22 colors and shades on their finest work, but nobody has ever been able to count them out. American ten color work is now fully and easily up to the European standard, and we are therefore independent in that respect. Importations are becoming less and less every year and are now in fact narrowed down to Christmas and Easter cards and such things, which continue to come over on their reputation rather than upon superiority of quality.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Grave of John Paul Jones.

Daniel W. Rowland of Boston wrote a letter to the navy department asking information as to the whereabouts of the grave of John Paul Jones. Mr. Rowland was informed that the famous old sea fighter was probably buried in the Protestant grave yard of Paris back of the Hotel Dieu; [illegible] the United States ship St. Lawrence was [illegible] to Southampton to bring his body to this country for interment, and that it was then ascertained that the ancient graveyard had [illegible] to other uses. [illegible] disposed of in the [illegible] of Paris the navy department does not know.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Alias Fi. Fa. [illegible] McKean County [illegible] the [illegible] of Bradford [illegible] 1895 [illegible] the following described property:

Defendant's interest in all the following lot [illegible] situate [illegible] Bradford [illegible] McKean county [illegible] Pennsylvania [illegible] Beginning at a point in the west line of Chestnut street eighty six feet south of Main street, thence west fifty feet in a line parallel with Main street, thence south twenty seven feet in a line parallel with Chestnut street, thence east fifty feet to a line parallel with Main street, thence north twenty seven (27) feet to the place of beginning. Being same land conveyed by M. W. Wagner and wife to T. W. Cole by deed bearing date the 31st day of October, A. D. 18[illegible], and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in deed book W, page 132 &c. Improved.

ALSO—All that certain tract or piece of land situate lying and being in the city of Bradford, in the county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the north west corner of Walker's land at a post in the corner of the alley now laid out and known as —— alley, thence [illegible] twenty two (22) feet to [illegible] thence [illegible] seventy three feet to a post, thence south twenty two (22) feet to a post, thence west seventy three feet to the place of beginning, subject however to a lease given to J. C. Chamberlin [illegible] and reserving the building situate thereon which belongs to the said J. C. Chamberlin [illegible] Being same land conveyed by Mr. Meter(?) and wife by deed bearing date [illegible] April A. D. [illegible] McKean county [illegible] page [illegible]

ALSO—All that certain [illegible] [illegible]

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of [illegible] at the suit of [illegible]

[illegible]

A. D. WALKER, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., March 27, 1895.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of [illegible] issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county [illegible] at public sale at the Court House in Smethport [illegible] April [illegible] 1895 [illegible] the following described property:

The defendant's interest in all [illegible] of land [illegible] situated in [illegible] township of Lafayette, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post and stones on west bank of the B. [illegible] and B. Railway; thence north 80 degrees east forty three (43) rods to a post in the centre of the highway; thence [illegible] six and one half degrees east seventy seven and three-fourths [illegible] rods to a post in the south line of lot No. [illegible] thence west twenty [illegible] rods to a [illegible] tree [illegible] thence north [illegible] seventy rods and twenty [illegible] to a post on the north east corner [illegible] thence north [illegible] degrees west thirty six (36) [illegible] to a beech tree on the east bank of the creek, thence down said creek by its several courses and distances forty five and one half [illegible] thence south 84 degrees east [illegible] and [illegible] to a post on east [illegible] of railroad track or land [illegible] thirty six [illegible] to the place of beginning. The premises [illegible] is [illegible] conveyance [illegible] and containing [illegible] acres and being part of [illegible] warrant No. 2256 excepting and reserving from said [illegible] 12 acres heretofore conveyed to Valentine Hatt(?) [illegible] Being same lands [illegible] in deed book W. page [illegible] in deed book [illegible] to Frank [illegible] dated August 4th, 1888 [illegible] being same land conveyed to [illegible] Valentine [illegible] dated August [illegible] and recorded in deed book Vol. 4 [illegible] Improved.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of the National Bank [illegible] at the suit of the [illegible] Berry & [illegible]

Robt. L. Edgett

Berry & [illegible] Attorneys

A. D. WALKER, Sheriff

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., April [illegible] 1895.

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The writer broached the subject of fast trains recently to one of the shrewdest civil engineers employed on one of the roads entering Washington. This employee has made railroading a life study, has inspected the railroads of Europe and speaks by the card. He said:

"If our railroads could spare the money to elevate their tracks in cities and at crossings, to say nothing of completing the work of straightening out curves, now going on, I, for one, will predict that we can make an average of 50 miles an hour between New York and Chicago. I say this with the Allegheny mountains almost staring me in the face. We might lose time going up that range, but engineers, as a rule, like to coast, and wouldn't they slide down the other side with a roadbed minus curves and grade crossings! In the matter of cost in making improvements, few people are aware of the expense attached thereto. In round numbers our road 'blew in' fully $5,000,000 in the latter part of 1892 and the beginning of 1893. That was before the financial depression set in. We are now resting on our oars. We cut one curve over a mile long, and the work cost us fully $700,000. Other roads have been doing likewise, and with the return of a prosperous period we will surprise the world, and especially the English, with the average speed our trains will attain.

"Many people will be surprised to learn that Germany and not this country or England furnishes the fastest train in the world. The United States comes second and England third. The German train runs from Berlin to Hamburg, a distance of 178 miles, in 201 minutes, an average outside speed—that is, not counting stops, of over 52 miles an hour. The Empire State express on the New York Central road runs from New York to Buffalo, a distance of 440 miles, in 530 minutes, and its outside speed average is nearly [illegible] miles an hour. The fastest English train that comes third on the list is the [illegible] west coast flier and runs from London to Edinburgh, a distance of 400 miles, at an average outside speed of [illegible] miles an hour.

"The farther we go west the slower the train service becomes, a thing not looked for in a country of the 'miles and miles of track traversing prairie land.' The Burlington road's best train averages about [illegible] miles an hour. That on the Milwaukee road, the limited, can only reach an average of 34 miles an hour. The Denver limit[illegible] on the Northwestern road has to hustle to score an average gait of 29 miles an hour.

"Very few of the fast limited trains in this country pay for the expense of running them, and it is an open secret that the limited between this city and New York, the limited between New York and Chicago and the Empire State express between New York and Buffalo and the Chicago limited on the New York Central road cost their respective roads a good deal more than they bring in, but they are great advertisers for their respective roads.

"The advantages of fast train service on well built and well equipped railroads are not confined to the carrying of passengers swiftly from one point to another. They are felt all through the operating department of a road and exercise an important disciplinary influence. The running of such extraordinary fast trains as the Congressional limited and the Empire State express has had a wonderful effect in increasing the vigilance and efficiency of all the trainhands. The schedules on which such trains are run require the most arbitrary enforcement, and they consequently keep the men all along the line traversed constantly on the alert. Each man is made to feel his full share of the burden of responsibility and the never ceasing admonition to watch for the flier reduces to a minimum personal inclinations to be slack or neglectful. The telegraph operators have a suspension of 30 days staring them in the face for the slightest delay to the limited, and similar penalties are imposed on other employees.

"Besides this stimulus to duty the fast trains serve as an incentive to the men to strive for promotion. Conductors, engineers, firemen and other hands on the limited trains are picked from the men employed on the trains of subordinate grade. That the flier in its experimental [illegible] is actually an improving influence [illegible] is evidenced by the remarkable [illegible] of the Congressional limited and the Empire State express. In [illegible] the fastest trains in this country have been running several years back and with one uniform [illegible] have met with no mishap. These trains pass through year after year without a single mishap, and [illegible] is all from the discipline put upon the employees by the fast service. The men take a pride in the fast trains."—Washington Star.

Difficult to Reach.

Every true Mohammedan endeavors to make at least one journey to Mecca. Want of funds keeps the majority from going more than once, while the wealthier class go as many as five and six times. The poor save and save their whole lifetime to put by enough to enable them to perform the journey.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Chas. McKean, Treasurer, in account with Smethport borough.

BOROUGH FUNDS.

		Dr.
To amt from ex-Treas Lilgendahl as per last auditors' report	$1,020 10	
To amt from Wm Haskell acct sidewalk	27 37	
To amt from C P Byron acct sidewalk	19 40	
To amt from Wm Mollisck acct sidewalk	15 60	
To amt from Wm Mollisck acct poundage	8 50	
To amt from county treasurer acct licenses	347 10	
To amt from county treasurer	8 62	
To amt from burgess acct licenses etc	37 50	
To amt from Esq Holder acct dues	21 00	
To amt from county survey	23 00	
To amt from Col Gallup borough	10 6 00	
To amt from Col Gallup dog	27 09	
" " " bor-ough bond	76 91	
To amt from Mechanic street sewer	393 00	
To amt from Holmes street sewer	145 70	
To amt from Fulton street sewer	354 20	3168 31
		Cr.
By orders paid and cancelled	2878 42	
By 2 per cent commission	56 62	
Balance due fund	263 27	3188 31

Chas. McKean, Treasurer, in acc't with Smethport borough.

BOND FUND.

		Dr.
To amt from ex-Treas Lilgendahl as per last audit	831 87	
To cash from Col Gallup bridge	481 47	
To cash from Col Gallup sewer	803 07	
To cash from Col Gallup building	405 22	2521 63
		Cr.
By paid bond No 18 (boro)	400 00	
" " " " (sewer)	500 00	
" " " 20 "	250 00	
Interest on bonds	230 00	
" orders paid and cancelled	229 08	
" amt paid for survey	23 00	
" dup from state	6 82	
" 2 per cent commission	33 27	
Balance due fund	810 02	2524 63

J. C. Gallup, Collector, 1893.

		Dr.
To bal in (auditors' report	618 83	
" additional dup[illegible]	11 00	
" 5 per cent added	27 12	
Balance [illegible] Col Gallup	.09	658 08
		Cr.
By cash paid Treas McKean	542 25	
" exonerations	87 37	
" 5 per cent com on $[illegible]	28 46	658 08

J. C. Gallup, Collector, 1894.

		Dr.
To amt of duplicate	3776 27	3776 27
		Cr.
By cash paid Treas McKean	2558 43	
" discount to taxpayers on $2222 21 at 5 per cent	111 11	
By com on net taxes rec'd $2111 12 at 2 per cent	42 21	
By com on $841 [illegible] collected at par at 5 per cent	41 77	
Bal of dupl cate outstanding	1,022 61	3776 27

RESOURCES.

Due from ex-Col Knapp 1890 duplicate	25 95	
Due from ex-Col Lemunier 1891 duplicate	4 20	
Due from duplicate 1894 Boro	[illegible]	
" " " bond	[illegible]	
" State Treas	[illegible]	
" " sewers	[illegible]	
Cash in hands of Treas McKean	1118 96	
Total		2520 16

LIABILITIES.

Order outstanding No 103	2 00	
" " 211	[illegible]	
Borough bonds	1,800 00	
Bridge bonds	900 00	
Sewer bonds	6,000 00	
Due Col Gallup	.09	
Total		[illegible]

Audited March 2, 1895, having examined the foregoing accounts we find it correct the balances as above stated.

[illegible] Auditors

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[illegible] Executor of the Estate of [illegible]

Bradford, Pa., March 5, 1895.

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[illegible]

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TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION, EASTWARD.

[illegible]

WESTWARD.

[illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R. TIME TABLE

[illegible]

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY R. R.

[illegible]

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TIME TABLE IN EFFECT [illegible]

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